



Apostles have some basic characteristics that are essential to the fulfillment of the call upon their lives. These characteristics enable them to do what The Lord has called them to accomplish.

Visioning capacity.

They need to be able to “see” what The Lord has called them to accomplish in the ministry they are currently undertaking. This ‘vision’ is part of a wider vision they will have of what the Church of Jesus Christ is going to look like in the future (the end product of the work they are undertaking for The Lord). So, they will have a vision of the local church they are working with or currently planting, a vision of the Church Jesus is building, as well as the bigger Kingdom picture.

They create ownership of the ministry.

They are able to share their vision and the work they are currently doing in such a way that others can “buy into” the vision and take ownership of the ministry that is on-going and that they are now a part of. An apostle can share their story and their ministry in such a way that others catch the vision, realize that this is what God is currently doing, and come to understand that God wants them to have a part in the fulfillment of this vision.

An apostle is able to relate to the unchurched.

He is comfortable relating to those who are not followers of The Lord and who may even be opposed to his work of planting the Gospel so The Lord can raise up and build His Church. An effective apostle is neither part of a Christian sub-culture that few can relate to nor has he bought into the culture that he is working to impact for the Kingdom. He

does not stand out as odd and irrelevant and does not blend in so as not to be seen as someone offering an alternative lifestyle and a different set of values. As the Scriptures state, he will be “in the world but not of it.”

An apostle is effective at building relationships.

He enjoys people and is a good listener. By listening he is showing others that he cares and that they are important to him and thus to Who he represents – Jesus. An effective apostle (and apostolic team member) can have hundreds of relationships in the community that he is reaching for Jesus. So, an apostle will not be ‘an office person’ but will consciously plan each day to include time building the relationships he has already established and forming new relationships. He will, as a result of this, be active in his community.

Apostles recognize

the giftedness and calling that is upon people and are constantly encouraging and releasing this giftedness within the church and ministry they are establishing. Apostles are able to prophetically see the giftedness of people, their role in the body, the supernatural gifts of the Spirit the person can flow in to successfully function within their role and calling. They understand where each person “fits” within the life of the local church and equips and enables the person to fit and function where they belong.

An apostle is flexible and adaptable.

In fact, one of their favourite non-biblical proverbs is: “Blessed are the flexible for they shall not be broken.” Because apostles recognize that today’s church needs to be fluid because of the rapid and constantly changing culture and society in which we live – they understand that change is a constant in the life of the church, especially in a church plant. Apostles and apostolic people find their stability in their relationship with The Lord who never changes. They do not find their identity or sense of worth in the ministry that they have or in the on-going life of the church that is being planted. They are releasing the life of God among the people and anything that does not enable or help to release and grow this ‘life’ is removed. So they travel light on the ‘organizational’ and ‘structure’ side of the ministry and are very flexible thus enabling them to respond quickly and effectively to the community they are working in. Change is expected and experienced regularly.

As a result of the above there is no standard plan or approach to planting churches.

Because each and every location is different the apostle will seek The Lord as to the way a particular area can be reached and how the Gospel will be presented. The message never changes but the methods, approach, and the ways of planting the Gospel and thus birthing a church are constantly adjusting to the target community or people group being reached.

Once the work is established the apostle and his team remain very responsive to the community. As the community changes so does the way the apostolic work is being accomplished. The mission to reach the people for Christ and the Kingdom remains solid and firm; Christ remains the cornerstone of everything that is attempted in His Name.

However, the way things are accomplished remain fluid and responsive to the community.

A true apostle knows how to build group cohesiveness.

They are never a one-man show. First, he must know how to gather a team and help them to become one – sharing one vision and one task, one hope and one plan. Withing this plan and the task at hand there are many variables and much room for creative thinking and planning, action and risk-taking. But, there is one goal, one vision, one direction, one desired end result.

This same group cohesiveness will eventually be seen in the local church that is raised up as the Gospel is planted in new territory. The leaders and members of the local church must share the same DNA and vision so as to moving together in one direction to become all that God has designed this local church to be and then do. In other words, like a city bus – this church will have a destination, a route, and a certain speed as it moves through the route making scheduled stops along the way. There will be a leader (the bus driver) and many active members but one common life being shared as they move towards a jointly shared and understood destination.



Apostles of Christ Build the Kingdom

Oftentimes, church apostles are just focused on their local church and/or their network or denomination. One of the reasons is because their assignment is limited to those works they personally oversee or have founded. They do not have the grace or leadership capacity to go beyond their particular church system, doctrine and/or culture. On the other hand, apostles of Christ have an ambassadorial call that transcends any one church, movement or denomination. Hence, even if they try to focus on one group or movement, God will constantly pull them into other church communities and/or nations to build apostolic foundations related to doctrine or kingdom life.

Apostles of Christ Are Not Hierarchical

Generally speaking, church apostles can be caught up in titles, measures of influence within their movement, and/or church politics. Apostles of Christ do not personally crave titles (they

will use them when appropriate) and do not need institutional church structures to validate their ministry or calling.

Apostles of Christ Don't Strive For Recognition

Philippians 2 teaches us that Jesus made Himself of no reputation. Apostles of Christ are often hidden and do not seek public attention, since they are already rooted strongly in their identity as sons of God and have no innate need for public acclaim.

Apostles of Christ Are Not Driven by Money

Apostles of Christ have so much faith in their assignment from God, they trust God will provide all their needs as long as they are in His will. They do not go to a place to minister only because the offerings are good but will go only where the Lord is leading. Paul said he did not peddle the word of God for money (2 Cor.2:17), and the apostle Peter warns shepherds not to minister for dishonest gain (1 Peter 5:2). Although I believe those who labor in the word full-time are worthy of double honor and should make a living from the gospel (1 Tim. 5:17; 1 Cor. 9:14), the bottom line for apostles of Christ is the will of God, not material gain.



"Ministers do the evangelism, not members"

Contrary to the example of Scripture o Assertion that the great commission in Matthew 28 and elsewhere is only for the ministry Is it said by ministers who do not do it themselves and forbid their members to do it either? Is it working? How many are they baptizing? How much are the spending? Our Job Is to Warn the World as a Witness, Not "Save Souls" Probably a fair description of what they are actually doing o It is a misrepresentation of the mission of the church ? "If God is calling someone, they will find us." Does happen on occasion Is it justification for the neglecting of other forms of evangelism are neglected or preached against at 2004 Management and Technology Consultants. All Rights Reserved 12 What the Bible REALLY Says About Evangelism Breaking Through Church Growth Myths and Excuses. Not the method of the New Testament Church of God Most churches today that practice this teaching to the exclusion of the New Testament methods of evangelism will not exist in their present form in 15 years. They will be much smaller, absorbed by others or cease to exist.

Church Growth Myths:

? Evangelism is setting a growth goal "10% growth this year in attendance"

Numerical growth is not in your control – God gives the growth o We can control quality of our congregation We can control the kind and frequency of our planting and watering activities ? Churches that grow are lowering the bar so much that anybody can be a Christian with them. An anecdotal statement that is unsupported by research or a validated study This is really a

fools argument: If only one congregation grows while having high standards, the myth is exploded What constitutes high standards?

Keeping the Sabbath and the commandments of God? An expectation to be a full-time Christian, not just a Sabbath Christian? Abstaining from immorality? Following the Biblical food laws? Dressing in a suit or nice clothes for church? Not smoking or “doing” drugs? Tithing? Being industrious and not slothful? Encouragement to marry within the faith? o Seventh Day Adventists expect these things of new disciples and more. What have they done? In 1984 – six times the revenue of WCG – 144 times the number of baptisms Today: 211 times the baptisms of WCG in 1984 SDA’s are THE expert in evangelism among the Sabbath keeping communities of faith. Low standards attributed to other churches are not a justification for churches in decline, but rather an excuse “Evangelism is really just marketing yourself better” Good marketing of a bad product can kill a company at 2004 Management and Technology Consultants.

All Rights Reserved 13 What the Bible REALLY Says About Evangelism Breaking Through Church Growth Myths and Excuses o Growth that is a result of good marketing does not necessarily produce a quality congregation – or a quality Christian on Evangelism is not better marketing

It is following God’s lead and guidance in planting and watering activities. It is improving the quality of our congregations so we reflect God’s love and new people can see a difference It is improving the quality of our congregations so our members love it and are excited and passionate about church and their faith. “Our church is growing exactly as fast as God is calling people” Generally said by churches that are not growing very much – or are shrinking Self-justification mixed with fatalism: What is happening is what was destined to be and we have no control over it. “Jesus said His would be a “small flock” – large flocks are not Godly. Said recently by ministers who are pastoring congregations 1/10th the size they were 10 years earlier. o Said by those same pastors when they were pastoring congregations that were 10 times the size of their current congregations Little flock = a relative term justifying the lack of growth? Matt. 26:31 and Luke 12:32 “Little flock” of apostles – did they understand it to mean it would only be 12, or 120, or 3,000 or 10,000 or ? When did Paul think he had done enough evangelism? ? Is evangelism trying to talk someone into becoming a Christian?

New Testament Evangelism is giving people a reason for hope for now and in the future of New Testament Evangelism is planting and watering seed and looking for God to give the growth through His Holy Spirit o God calls best through people who are willing to follow the lead of the Holy Spirit Is evangelism talking someone into going to my church and not another? False value: My church is the only true church o True value: My job is to lead people to Christ. Where they attend church is not the concern. They should attend where they can make the best contribution to the work of the Church. Horrible Truth: Lack of growth = a lack of interest.

The Christian truth is a wonderful truth and a great message o If there is a problem, it is with us Wrong emphasis in what we say Infertile seed = platitudes in speaking and in writing o A message that lacks relevance to the community at 2004 Management and Technology Consultants. All Rights Reserved 14 at 2004 Management and Technology Consultants. All Rights Reserved 15 What the Bible REALLY Says About Evangelism Breaking Through Church Growth Myths and Excuses o Unhealthy congregations. Unhealthy examples “I wouldn’t invite people to my church because it is boring and I would be likely be embarrassed by what they would hear.” Question: “Will our congregation become a great place for me to invite people to come?”



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APOSTLE SIMIYU

Apostle Simiyu Profile

Is anointed servant of God proclaiming the message from God. He is the first president and founder of the Holy seed church. Through God's power there has been deliverance of souls and many christians have joined the church through prayers and working with other pastors for the same. He is calling upon all ministers and believers to heed the Lord's call and join us in delivering more souls and bring people together regardless of their denominations.

Personal Profile

Date of Birth:	22th October 1964
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"I AM ANOINTED SERVANT OF GOD PROCLAIMING MESSAGE FROM GOD."

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me,
because the Lord has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives
and release from darkness for the prisoners,^[a]
2 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor
and the day of vengeance of our God,
to comfort all who mourn,
3 and provide for those who grieve in Zion—
to bestow on them a crown of beauty
instead of ashes,
the oil of joy
instead of mourning,
and a garment of praise
instead of a spirit of despair.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
a planting of the Lord
for the display of his splendor.

- They will rebuild the ancient ruins
and restore the places long devastated;
they will renew the ruined cities
that have been devastated for generations.
5 Strangers will shepherd your flocks;
foreigners will work your fields and vineyards.
6 And you will be called priests of the Lord,
you will be named ministers of our God.
You will feed on the wealth of nations,
and in their riches you will boast.
7 Instead of your shame
you will receive a double portion,
and instead of disgrace
you will rejoice in your inheritance.
And so you will inherit a double portion in your
land,
and everlasting joy will be yours.

8 "For I, the Lord, love justice;
I hate robbery and wrongdoing.
In my faithfulness I will reward my people
and make an everlasting covenant with them.
9 Their descendants will be known among the nations
and their offspring among the peoples.
All who see them will acknowledge
that they are a people the Lord has blessed."

10 I delight greatly in the Lord;
my soul rejoices in my God.
For he has clothed me with garments of salvation
and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness,
as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
11 For as the soil makes the sprout come up
and a garden causes seeds to grow,
so the Sovereign Lord will make righteousness
and praise spring up before all nations.



"IN GOD'S POWER I REMOVE DEMONS, WITCHCRAFT, EVIL SPIRITS, BAD DREAMS AND ANY SICKNESS.
ACTS 19:15-20 I WELCOME YOU ALL JOIN ME IN PRAYERS, GOD WILL FORGIVE US AND BLESS US."