"Ordinary people Extraordinary Power"

Apostolic leadership Notes from John Eckhart

The Apostolic Believer

God's intention is not just to have apostles but to have an apostolic company of believers who walk in apostolic power.

1. They are sent ones

- Jesus is the sender.
- They draw their life and strength by Jesus
- Desire to do His will
- Not men pleasers but God pleasers.

2. They are pioneers:

- They are pathfinders, trailblazers, explorers, forerunners, innovators.
- Pioneers set in motion, start the ball rolling, take the first step......

3. They are breakthrough people.

- Apostolic believers initiate breakthroughs into new regions and territories
- Both naturally and spiritually.
- They are cutting edge believers on the forefront of what God is doing on the earth.
- They are people of faith who believe and act on what they believe.

3. Continued

- They are both independent and dependent. Independent from the control of man. Very dependent upon the Holy Spirit and his direction.
- Refuse to be controlled by the opinions of man.
 Not controlled by family or friends or religious organizations that refuse to move with change
- They rely upon the blessings and power of God
- They recognize that without God they can do nothing.

4. They are often misunderstood as being radical

- They do things which don't make sense to natural thinking mindsets
- They operate beyond what is considered reasonable.
- They operate from faith and are not controlled by fear.
- They are not afraid to try new things and new truths.
- They are not afraid of failure or losing their reputation.
- They set new standards and raise up models for the next generation to follow

- Eg David released a pattern of worship
- Abraham a pattern of faith
- Samuel a pattern of the prophetic
- Joshua a pattern of warfare
- Elijah a pattern of prayer
- Daniel a pattern of dreams and visions
- Jesus a pattern for being sons and daughters
- Paul a pattern of the apostolic

5. They are believers of zeal, conviction and passion

- They are not double minded but are able to overcome persecution due to their assurance, trust, belief in the truth and the validity of the word of God.
- They are often misunderstood to be dogmatic or intolerant. People of conviction can still minister God's truths in love.

6. They are people of courage

 It takes courage and boldness to be at the forefront of what God is doing in spite of opposition and persecution.

7. They are people of great faith:

- They can launch out into an unknown future or place when required in obedience to God's call
- They are prepared to leave the comforts and security of home and finance to a destiny or destination unknown

8. They are people of grace

- They bring salvation, healing, deliverance to many.
- They can preach, teach, prophesy, cast out spirits, worship, give financially.
- They can operate in different operations and manifestations of the Spirit.

9. They are people of revelation

- Apostolic ministry is a ministry of revelation.
- They have insight into truth that has been hidden from previous generations
- Revelations are mysteries revealed.
 Apostles are stewards of God's mysteries.

- They understand divine secrets
- Revelation is insight and spiritual perception.
- People who live by revelation are not limited by natural understanding
- They understand what others can't see, they operate at a spiritual level.

10. They are people of purpose and destiny.

- They are driven by purpose and have definite goals.
- They know where they are going and have a strategy to get there.
- Purpose is intention, aim, objective, expectation, vision, dream, hope, or desire.

- Purpose means determination, resolution, resolve, firmness, singlemindedness, persistence, perseverance.
- People of purpose are devoted to finishing commission. They are people of zeal opposition does not deter them.
 They have a spiritual tenacity, resolve and determination to continue despite trials and tests and attacks of the enemy.

11. They are people of sacrifice

- They will make sacrifices of time and finances and are willing to lay down their lives for the purposes of God.
- Apostolic ministry is a ministry of sacrifice.
- Pioneers make tremendous sacrifices for advancement and progress. These sacrifices bring great blessings to others

12. They are labourers

- Apostolic people have the ability to labour under pressure. They are tireless in executing the will of God.
- They draw their strength from the Lord through their dependence on the supernatural power given by the Holy Spirit.

13. They are people of change and transition

- They don't live on the past victories but are on the move recognizing there is new ground and territory to conquer.
 The shift today is moving the church from the pastoral to the apostolic.
- They are able to shift from old paradigms to new paradigms.

14. They prophesy, preach teach, minister with power and authority

- They have power and authority to execute the will and purposes of God..
- To execute means to carry out, accomplish or perform.
- This is a supernatural ability to get the job done

15. They are apostles of new strategies

- They develop new strategies based on revelation.
 They don't rely upon strategies of the past.
- They are the leaders of their generation with the ability to gather and mobilize..
- They give direction and guidance and have power to influence. They motivate and mobilize people to accomplish a goal. They are the leaders that receive the divine downloads and strategies of the new things that God is releasing. God moves through strategic people, churches, and places.

16. They are people of the Word

- They base what they do on God's word. They are motivated and driven by what they believe the Word of God teaches. They are submitted to the authority of the Word.
- They are a people of restoration and believe current truth and are committed to restored truth rediscovered in God's word

17. They are a people of Praise

- They know the power of praise. They are radical when it comes to praise
- They release praise as a weapon against the powers of hell.
- New moves release new songs and sounds.
- When God is doing a new thing He releases new songs,
- They are people of the new things God is doing

18. They are team players with a team mentality

- Apostolic ministry is a team ministry. They understand the, strength, power and dynamics of corporate anointing Unity is the strength of apostolic believers.
- They understand the importance of working with the different teams apostolic, prophetic, evangelistic, teaching & pastoral
- They understand the value and wisdom in developing and releasing teams.