

APOSTOLIC: Being a Force for Change

To be a game-changer in the nation, apostles need a number of understandings. These are:

1. Have a listening heart
2. Know the secret of abiding in their Beloved
3. Connect with the creativity of Heaven
4. Be an influence on culture
5. Be an influencer of the economy
6. Lead with power using service, influence and anointing.
7. Discern the spiritual environment
8. Operate out of 'the big picture'

I'd like to bring to your attention a number of points from an article by Morris Ruddick entitled "The Secret Things" which covers these ideas:

(1)
"One of the biggest hurdles today for those navigating Kingdom agendas is getting beyond the fund-raising mind-set and tapping God's unlimited creativity and resources. Without degrading the value of community generosity and the need to provide opportunity for others to participate in Kingdom agendas, there are limitations to the fund-raising model, of drawing from the well at the same source.

*Among God's people, fundraising has been elevated to almost the status of a sacred cow, of being the catch-all solution. The story of Joseph gives evidence to how, through God, alliances can be created and resources generated that anticipate change and exceed the limitations and expectations of the world around it. It will be a critical component of the wealth transfer dynamic. There's a significant bridge to be crossed in our day designed to open the gates into these unlimited dimensions of God."*¹

(2)
"In God, there are complexities to the spiritual environments around us that far exceed our human abilities to grasp. Yet, in God, we not only become aware of and sensitized to them, but gain the authority to subdue and bring change to these complexities, to the spiritual climate around us.

*Joseph did. It began from the bottom up before he was entrusted to work from the top-down. It's why the bar is higher in God. It's why we have to abide and operate beyond ourselves. It's why truth, meekness and righteousness are so essential. It explains the "waiting on God" that so many modern-day Josephs have experienced. It underscores the importance of the prophetic in this process of preparing as a force for change."*²

(3)
"Even within the prophetic, we need to bring the process full circle to where, like Joseph, Moses, David and Jesus, we get the big-picture. Paul said that we see in part. How true for most. Likewise, how true that so many tend to act when the picture is not complete. It bears on the need to abide.

Jesus said very clearly that to find true life, we have to give it up. We have to get beyond ourselves and our limited, staid ways of thinking and begin abiding sufficiently to start tapping the secret things, the strategic, secret things that are needed for this hour. Abiding takes humility.

In Exodus 15 Moses addressed the people, as a whole, with this truth. IF they would just listen and

1 – Morris E. Ruddick (2015) "The Secret Things" [Blog item: 18 March 2015] (<http://strategicintercession.org/2015/03/the-secret-things>)

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adhere to the voice of the Lord, it would take them beyond themselves to where none of those things plaguing the world around them would make a big difference to them. They'd be the game-changers, the force for change. It's the challenge that remains before us.

The whole earth is filled with His glory. When God's glory is at the core of things, creativity will be released by abiding in that secret place. When the abiding amasses, it will be what's needed to be the force for change for which the world is yearning.”³

Read the article to get the full understanding of these secrets to apostolic leadership.
(<http://strategicintercession.org/2015/03/the-secret-things>)

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