

The Essential Apostolic Building Mandate

The apostolic being re-establishment in the *ekklesia* by our Sovereign at this time is not a soulish/fleshly function set up by the church system which is about hierarchy and control. This is the genuine anointed role which was functioning in the 12 Apostles and the Apostle Paul but has been lost for nearly 2,000 years.

One of the important operations being restored is the building function of the apostolic. Paul states it here:

2 Corinthians 10:8 (ISV) – *So if I boast a little too much about our authority, which the Lord gave us to build you up and not to tear you down, I will not be ashamed of it.*

This building up included disciple which strengthens and builds up maturity in a person:

2 Corinthians 13:10 (ISV) – *For this reason I am writing this while I am away from you: When I come I do not want to be severe in using the authority the Lord gave me to build you up and not to tear you down.*

The authority mentioned by Paul is an *exousia* anointing that comes with an apostolic mantle. It's not exclusively an authority given by the Lord to Paul.

Jonathan Welton writes about the importance of this apostolic building function in a recent blog.

“As I have been listening to the heart of Father God, I have perceived that it is imperative to build. So many in the younger generation have taken on the role of deconstructing the 'church' and its teachings.

Whether it is through YouTube, Facebook, Blogging, etc., everyday there are new voices that claim to be Rogue, Brazen, or Riotous; which tear down what they see as false teachings and sometimes they are spot on...

Yet this tearing down movement has gained so much momentum that the question that I hear from God's heart to this younger generation is “What are you building?””¹

In this season of the King's *ekklesia*, we are in the process of deconstruction. Since the Reformation, he has been restoring many of the facets of the first church that were lost when it was turned into a religion in the 2nd century. However, each time a re-established function was added, the systemic church remained a religion. Now that the vitally important apostolic element is being added, it's time for him to intervene and take charge of the direction the established church is heading. This has been a deconstruction process where he has (and is) drawing dedicated followers out of the system and reprogramming them. He does this by stripping them of their religion and legalism and retraining them in the ways of the Kingdom.

The apostolic's role is to assist in this deconstruction and then work effectively in the rebuilding. This is not just about fathering, mentoring and discipling, it includes raising members of their communities into the service that they are called to function in.² It should be noted that Paul's meaning in Ephesians 4 for 'equip' is for perfecting and completely furnishing believers for 'service', not ministry.

Ephesians 4:12 (AMP) – *[and He did this] to fully equip and perfect the saints (God's people) for works of service, to build up the body of Christ [the church];*

Every member of a local Body has a function that they need to identify so that the 'organism' can operate as a living entity, not an organisation with an active component and a very large non-active component. These personal functions do not have to be spiritual like the 5-fold are. The first apostles appointed deacons in the local *ekklesia* who waited on tables. These Spirit-filled men served the members by

1 – Jonathan Welton (19-5-2017) “Leaders and Losers” [blog]
(weltonacademy.com/blogs/jonathanwelton/leaders-and-losers)

2 – Ephesians 4:11-13

running the welfare system. 'Deacon' comes from *diakonos* (Gk) which means a 'servant' or 'waiter', coming from a Greek word meaning 'to run errands'. In other words, deacons were 'gofas', which is not a spiritual function.

The important thing to note is that all non-spiritual activities when instigated by the Lord are given an anointing to carry it out. That's because life has always been holy, not unholy, and working for the Kingdom has the Kings favour and input.

Apostolic people are to raise up other's into their destiny and their roles in life, of which fathering is quite essential. This is vitally important for the next generation, and has the added impetus when the injunction given to me by our King is added: "Think generational".

*"If the younger generation can become Fathers of the next move of God in the earth and catch the Father's heartbeat as their own, then they will be able to build and lead, otherwise they will become the Elder Brother (Luke 15) and live with a critical spirit and a heart of lack."*³

So, apostolic people here's 'the drum': Discipline is important, but bulidling and encouraging must be the mainstay of how you operate.

Look for leaders who operate like this with an apostolic mantle so that you can grow into who you are to be in the Kingdom – and as rapidly as possible.

*"For the rest of us, if you have been lending your ear to young leaders that are not building and advancing God's work in the earth, but instead are always correcting and criticizing, or if they are leading you away from healthy participation in Kingdom community, please turn your discernment back on!"*⁴

VIDEO: "You've never heard this about the 5-fold - Apostolic Series" (Jonathan Welton)
(www.youtube.com/watch?v=edAEzFKtUt8)

VIDEO: "You've never heard this about equipping the saints - Apostolic Series" (Jonathan Welton)
(www.youtube.com/watch?v=s2ppR3yLVA8)

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4 – ditto