

DESIRING SPIRITUAL GIFTS

“Eagerly pursue Love, yet desire Spiritual Gifts...”

- 1st Corinthians 14:1

Class 2

Apostleship

- Literal Meaning:

- To be sent with a message
- The ability to start and oversee the development of new Ecclesias

- Supporting References:

- 1st Corinthians 12:28-31

- 28) And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.
- 29) Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles?
- 30) Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?
- 31) But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.

- Acts 1:24-26

- 24) And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, shew whether of these two thou hast chosen,
- 25) That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place.
- 26) And they gave forth their lots; and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

- Romans 1:3-6

- 3) Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;
- 4) And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:
- 5) By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name:
- 6) Among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ:

- Ephesians 4:7-12

- 7) But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.
- 8) Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.
- 9) (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?)
- 10) He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)
- 11) And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;
- 12) For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

- Acts 13:1-3

- 1) Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.
- 2) As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.
- 3) And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

- Characteristics:

- People with this Gift:

- Pioneer and establish new Ecclesias
- Adapt to different surroundings by being culturally sensitive and aware
- Desire to minister to unreached people in other communities and countries
- Have responsibilities to oversee groups or Ecclesias
- Demonstrate authority and vision for the Ecclesia

- Traits:

- Adventurous, Entrepreneurial, Persevering, Adaptable, Culturally Sensitive, Risk-Taking

- Cautions

- People with this Gift should be aware of:

- Misusing their authority and quenching the spirit in others
- The fact that they need to be affirmed and sent by the Ecclesia, otherwise they are simply leaving the meeting and going into isolation
- The tendency to be demanding of others