

GROWING
UP



APOSTLE

One who takes new ground.

You might be an APOSTLE if you...

- Think big and continually have vision beyond what currently exists
- Seek adventure and run towards new and innovative opportunities
- Enjoy risk and face challenges with vigor, excitement and sense certainty
- Pioneer new things (you must blaze a trail and start the new)
- Naturally lead and influence through passion, confidence, and resolve
- Have an urgency about the future (you are aware and motivated by the needs of tomorrow)

APOSTLES might enjoy a job or opportunities as...

- A founder or CEO who is an entrepreneur and groundbreaker, initiating an organization or project
- A strategist/consultant who strategizes new ways forward for an organization or an individual's purpose and mission
- A pioneer who opens up a new market with a new initiative/project in a new city, territory or country
- A networker who networks across social boundaries or geographic distance/partners with a start-up or multiple start-ups

Some key contributions you bring to the Body of Christ include...

- You pioneer, initiating mission-minded businesses, organizations and networks that benefit communities and future generations
- You serve as a guardian, protecting an organization's DNA or the identity of a community or cause
- You act as a 'futurist,' helping people dream and activate the dreams of God
- You establish Kingdom DNA in the next neighborhood, network, city or place
- You ensure that Christianity is transmitted from one context to another and from one era to another
- You act as a change-agent, prompting movement that disrupts the status quo to realize a new and timely reality
- You are a developer, cultivating an "all play" environment by identifying, developing and releasing the leadership gifts and contributions of others

Ways you get stuck or frustrated/Traps you can fall into are...

- You can engage in too many things at one time or try to do too much.
- You can focus so much on the needs of tomorrow that you overlook the cares of today.
- You can get frustrated when others lack purpose or motivation for mission.
- You can get frustrated about the status quo and organizations/individuals resistant to movement and change.
- You can end up casting vision before its time or running too far ahead.
- You can lose interest quickly and leave an initiative before it's established/set-up for sustainability.
- You can stay too long or stress your organization or relationships with your intense passion or constant pioneering.
- You can emphasize 'kingdom work' over 'covenant relationship'.
- You might assume others see what you see or are ready to act on what you've communicated only a few times.

Places in the Bible where we see this role in Jesus/others are...

- **Jesus** was sent by the Father as the consummate apostle to take the new ground of our salvation and extend the kingdom of heaven in the earth. He raised up and sent 12 leaders to extend and multiply his impact as pioneers of a new way
- **Paul** was the apostle to the Gentiles. He extended the good news of Jesus and his kingdom to the non-Jews and established new faith communities and leaders across Asia Minor. Paul was also an entrepreneur as a businessman making tents
- **Peter** was the apostle to the Jews. He transmitted the way of Jesus to Jewish people

Some ways you can more fully step into your kingdom role...

- Ask God if there is a people or place to which he is sending you.
- Seek out other apostles for inspiration, maturation and accountability.

Apostolic Accelerator

Looking to activate your dreams? Let's take that next step!

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