

# APOSTLESHIP

**Literal Meaning:** To be sent with a message

**Description:** The gift of **Apostleship** is the divine ability to start and oversee the development of new churches or ministry structures.

## **Distinctives:**

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

## **Traits:**

- Adventurous
- Entrepreneurial
- Persevering
- Adaptable
- Culturally-sensitive
- Risk-taking
- Cause-driven

## **Cautions:**

- Should be aware that misusing their authority can quench the Spirit in others
- Need to be affirmed and sent by the church
- Can be demanding and pessimistic

**Scripture References:** 1 Corinthians 12:28-29; Ephesians 4:11-12; Romans 1:5; Acts 13:2-3;

1. Can you effectively minister cross-culturally?
2. Are you called and qualified to plant a church?
3. Do you feel you can start a church from nothing?
4. Are you an entrepreneur?
5. Can you pioneer a ministry where others have failed?