Deeper Life Class #7

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1. Apostle
	1. Apostles can operate in all 5 of the ministry gifts
		1. *Eph. 4:11 “And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers”*
			1. Apostles
			2. Prophets
			3. Evangelists
			4. Pastors
			5. Teachers
	2. Paul speaking… *1 Cor. 3:9-10* *“9 For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, you are God’s building. 10 According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise* ***master builder*** *I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it.”*
		1. Paul, the “master builder,” lays the ground work: we are God’s field
			1. Greek: *Architekton*
				1. Definition of Architekton: a master builder, an architect, the superintendent in the erection of buildings
				2. Greek is a **tense** language, while Hebrew comes out of **expression**
				3. “archi” 🡪 beginning, first, chief

Root word

Foundational word

Many words can come from this root, what differentiates them is the tense

* + - * 1. “tekton” 🡪 technician, seed bearer

Verb tense

Action, meaning to produce from a seed or give birth

* + - * 1. The word “architect” comes from this word

Definition of Architect: a person who plans, designs, and oversees the construction of [buildings](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Buildings)

* + - 1. Meaning of “Master builder” 🡪 beginning builder, craftsman, technician, gives birth to the church, spiritual architect, can communicate vision, helps transfer it to the people
			2. The purpose of Paul’s first journey
				1. Apostolic blueprint of the church

Through supernatural revival

* + - 1. Paul’s second and third journey’s
				1. Lays the structure of the church

Organize the government

* 1. Apostles are the architect of the spirit
		1. Has the ability to establish the culture of a church
			1. Churches will develop atmospheres
				1. How they worship, love, fellowship
			2. Atmospheres produce climates
				1. They will prefer certain people or ways
			3. Climates produce culture
				1. Known reputation and attitude
			4. Culture produces stronghold
				1. Binds people
				2. Religion = Stronghold
				3. Compromise = Stronghold

Carnality

Won’t have love

* + - 1. Strongholds creates legalism
				1. Expresses outwardly: what you look like, not what’s inside
			2. Legalism creates limitations

Churches 🡪 Atmosphere 🡪 Climate 🡪 Culture 🡪 Stronghold 🡪 Legalism 🡪 Limitation

* + 1. **The apostolic have the ability to come into the church and take cultures that have been developed by the people and deal with it and give birth to something different**
			1. Puts order back in the church
				1. *1 John 2:12-14 “12 I write to you, little children, Because your sins are forgiven you for His name’s sake. 13 I write to you,* ***fathers****, Because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, Because you have overcome the wicked one. I write to you, little children, Because you have known the Father. 14 I have written to you,* ***fathers****, Because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, Because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, And you have overcome the wicked one.”*

“Fathers” is mentioned twice

Importance emphasized

* 1. There are 24 apostles mentioned in the new testament
		1. Jesus 🡪 *Heb. 3:1* *“Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus”*
		2. Paul 🡪 *Gal. 1:1 “Paul, an apostle (not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father who raised Him from the dead)”*
		3. Peter 🡪 *Acts 2 (to the Jews: the first Pentecost)*

🡪 *Acts 10 (to the Gentiles, the second Pentecost)*

* 1. **God’s purpose cannot be activated until we act in obedience**
	2. *1 Cor. 4:9 “For I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men.”*
		1. Price to be paid for the apostolic
		2. When there is a lack of apostolic and prophetic 🡪 Fatherless church

**APOSTLE**

Gift of the Holy Sprit

Work in all 5 gifts

Ability to raise up churches

Build Government