



- C. Reproductive cycle (Acts 16:1; 1 Thess. 1:1, 2:6)
  - 1. Apostle means: one sent forth
  - 2. It all starts with God the Father

### III. Jesus Set The Pattern

- A. The first apostle (Heb. 3:1)  
Women have a place (Luke 8:1–3)
- B. The early church was mobile
- C. Apostolic attestation
  - 1. It takes the supernatural to make Gentiles obedient (Rom. 15:18–19)
  - 2. 2 Corinthians 12:12
- D. Marks of the apostle
  - 1. Perseverance, character, not giving up
  - 2. Signs, wonders and mighty deeds
- E. The issue is *not* apostolic succession, but apostolic ministry (1 Cor. 4:20)

## Requirements For Apostolic Teams 4152

### I. Vision

- A. Proverbs 29:18
  - 1. Vision produces discipline
  - 2. Rules produce rebels
- B. Our present vision
  - 1. 2 Peter 3:11–12
    - a. Holy conduct and godliness in anticipation of the Lord’s return
    - b. *Hasten* the coming of the Lord
  - 2. The end will not come *until* this Gospel has been preached to *all* nations (Matt. 24:14)
  - 3. Rev. 5:9–10 also Rev. 7:9–10
    - a. Emphasis on the kingdom—reigning on earth
    - b. The redeemed come from *every* tribe, tongue, people and nation
  - 4. “Until the full number of the Gentiles has come in” (Rom. 11:25–26)

### II. Intercession

- A. Ephesians 6:12
  - 1. Our enemy is not flesh and blood
  - 2. There is a descending order of rulership of darkness
- B. 2 Corinthians 10:3–5—We have the weapons to defeat the enemy
  - 1. Spiritual weapons
  - 2. For pulling down Satan’s strongholds
  - 3. Strongholds are in the mind
- C. *First*, Air Force and Artillery, *then* Infantry
  - 1. Air force and artillery: sweep skies clean and pound enemy defenses = *intercession*
  - 2. Then infantry goes in = *apostolic teams*

### III. Direction Of The Holy Spirit

- A. Romans 8:14
  - 1. Be born of the Spirit to become children of God
  - 2. Be *regularly led* by the Spirit to become mature sons – *every day, every hour*

- B. Acts 13:2–4
  1. Apostolic teams are initiated by the Holy Spirit
  2. Accompanied by the Holy Spirit
- C. Acts 16:6–10
  1. Holy Spirit forbade them to go (v. 6)
  2. Holy Spirit did not permit them (v. 7)
  3. Holy Spirit led by a vision
  4. Paul received the vision, but *they* prayed and *they* concluded

#### IV. Leadership Sets An Example

- A. Elicit corporate decisions (Rom. 16:9–10)
  1. Not “*advance*”
  2. But “*follow me*”
- B. 2 Timothy 3:10–12
  1. Personal traits: you have followed me
  2. Persecutions/afflictions: that which happens to me might be just to set an example for you

#### V. Harmony And Continuing Prayer

- A. Harmony or teamwork is essential
- B. Pray together naturally and regularly
  1. Matt. 8:18–20
    - a. Bind and loose
    - b. Harmonize (agree)
    - c. Authority is in the realm of your responsibility
  2. They prayed for signs and wonders (Acts 4:23, 29, 31)

#### VI. Flexibility

- A. Going further with God
  1. Progress is by *faith*
  2. You need a strong, healthy body
- B. Philippians 4:11–12
  1. Contentment in *whatever state*
  2. Instructed in *all* circumstances
  3. Full or hungry; to abound or suffer need

#### VII. Commitment

- A. Matthew 24:8–14
  1. Ever-increasing turmoil, opposition and persecution
  2. *Then . . .* “this gospel of the kingdom will be preached . . .”
- B. Revelation 12:11
  1. Overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the word of your testimony
  2. More important to do God’s will than stay alive
- C. “Communists are dead men on furlough” (Lenin)
  1. Christians should emulate this
  2. We’re all dead already (in Christ) so give *all* for Christ

### Learning By Doing 4153

#### I. Personal Background

- A. Born in Britain
- B. Professor of Philosophy, Cambridge University
- C. Encountered Christ in British Army
- D. Revelation of God came only through Scripture, not fellowship
- E. Received healing from skin condition (Prov. 4:20–22)

## II. The Sudan

- A. Derek's first encounter with a Moslem, Ali, the hospital foreman
- B. Ali received Jesus
- C. Three supernatural things opened Ali's mind to Christ:
  1. Ali's foot was healed
  2. Hornet sting did not hurt Derek
  3. Derek drank brackish water in Jesus' name

## III. Israel

- A. His marriage to Lydia
- B. Adoption of eight daughters
- C. God's protection during the birth of the State of Israel
- D. Pastored a church in Britain

## IV. Kenya 1957–1961

- A. Ninth daughter adopted
- B. Taught in a teacher training college
- C. Began to teach the Africans from the Bible
- D. The Holy Spirit visited the college with an outpouring
- E. All students graduated, were born again and Spirit-filled
- F. Suzanna—she failed, then prayed, did well on exam and was passed!
- G. All nine gifts of the Holy Spirit were present there along with signs and wonders

## V. Zambia

- A. Team split up
- B. Mahesh Chavda went to Zaire
  1. 30,000 leaders the first day
  2. 70,000 to 100,000 people in the first night meeting
  3. 250,000 by week's end
  4. Approximately 125,000 saved

## VI. Pakistan

- A. Seven people in team
- B. Pakistan is 98% Moslem, 1% Christian
- C. In Karachi, they expected 600 but 3,000 attended the first meeting
  1. About 1,500 received Christ
  2. About 90% stood for prayer
  3. A 12-year-old Moslem boy, born deaf and dumb, received hearing and speech
- D. Next meeting many deaf and dumb were healed
- E. A woman, about 60, born blind, received her sight
- F. The strong man of Islam is the spirit of Antichrist
- G. Ignorance, poverty, hopelessness, violence, no respect for life
- H. Continual battle with unseen forces; i.e., high winds, thunderings