

Apostolic Leadership Conference 2008
Part 2A – Apostolic Burden And Apostolic Qualities
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- To be an apostle, should we not care about what they cared about? What do the scriptures say?
- Properly Prioritized Burdens
- An Apostle's number one priority – Christ And Him Crucified And Risen
- When a “sub” theme becomes a major theme, we are in trouble. Subs may be home schooling, Sunday school, Christian school, etc.
- Sixty percent of apostolic sermons had to do with evangelism. The saving of souls was the prime goal. Apostolic means we care about souls.
- Apostolic sermons had a number of other topics, but many of our “pet” topics were not touched!
- Are we a church, or a teaching society?
- Apostles taught that 2 or 3 should prophesy, and let the others judge. Do we do that?
- Apostles linked the restoration of David's Tabernacle with the conversion of gentiles.
- The purpose of intimacy is to produce births – the care and passion for souls – offspring fruit
- For many of us, panic is our first response to evangelism. But referring to the Eagle's story, we watch an eagle because it is beautiful. It is beautiful for us to be us, then we will attract.
- Fish live at their own “gradient”. We need to know who we are in order to evangelize, to share in our arena (our thermal gradient). Then we will manifest the life of God, which is authenticity. For example, we are to admit when we are wrong, and repent when convicted.
- Conviction of God is always kind, but very inspiring.
- Authentic genuine life is our best witnessing tool.
- Genuine fruitfulness is the logical result of intimacy with the Lord.
- I am not called to help everyone, but someone is.
- Apostles have an evangelistic heart, burden, passion. They don't get hung up on methods. They don't get into it unless they know who they are.
- We need to be grounded in:
 1. Who am I? My identity in Christ.
 2. What have I been given? Gifts and talents.
 3. What is my context? – An artist with paints but no canvas has no “context”. We need a place to apply identity and gifts and talents.
- Be as creative, free and happy as we can be.
- What did they do for the 350 years before the canonization of the scriptures?