promoting an apostolic culture

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Romans 10:14, 15
14 How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?
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they preach unless they are sent? As it is written:
“How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!”

Acts 11:19
19 Now those who were scattered after the persecution that arose over Stephen travelled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word no one but the Jews only.

2. Perpetuated incarnation – God still sends ‘sons’
John 17:18
18 As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.

3. Guaranteed power of His presence

Matthew 28:18-20
18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth, 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

4. Obedience from resignation [not obligation]

Acts 26:19
19 “… I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision”
25 “But I tell you truly, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a great famine throughout all the land;

26 but to none of them was Elijah sent except to Zarephath, in the region of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. 27 And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet, and none

John 6:38 (AMP)
38 For I have come down from heaven not to do My own will and purpose but to do the will and purpose of Him Who sent Me.
5. Key to effectiveness

Acts 13:2-4

2 As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, “Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” 3 Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid

hands on them, they sent them away. 4 So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus.

- for favour with ministry to people

Jeremiah 23: 21,22

21 “I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran. I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. 22 But if they had stood in My counsel, and had caused My people to hear My words,
Acts 6:1, 3-7 (NIV)

1 In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being

overlooked in the daily distribution of food.

3 “Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this

responsibility over to them 4 and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.” 5 This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose

Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy

Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. 6 They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

7 So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.
7. Power pattern

- visionary leadership creates room for growth and expansion

- obviation of competition, rebellion & rejection [break-away/ release]

John 5:20
“For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel.”

John 14:12 (NASB)
“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these he will do; because I go to the Father”.

- brings a sense of personal legitimacy and validation
- emotional and spiritual maturity and security
- accountability [moral & spiritual]
- spiritual integration, through impartation
- synergy & great grace
- faith agreement around specific objectives & needs
- power of sonship - reproductive potential

1 Samuel 16:13 (AMP)
Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed David in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. And Samuel arose and went to Ramah.