

Apostolic Mentorship

EXODUS 35:30 KJV And Moses said unto the children of Israel, See, the LORD hath called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; 31 And he hath filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship;

Under the restored *Ephesian pattern*, the local Mother Church does not operate as an isolated, self-contained institution or a denominational hierarchy. Instead, it functions as a spiritual *metropolis* a model seed-bed and storehouse where the revealed Word is taught, elders are mentored, and spiritual food is stored to reproduce sister churches and global outposts.

The five-fold ministry and mentored elders (typified by Paul's relationship with Timothy and Titus) operate within this divine structure through specific mechanics to establish order and maintain the *Unity of the Faith*.

Apostolic Mentorship (The Father-Son Pattern)

A foundational law of the Ephesian pattern is that a true five-fold minister cannot be produced by human education, seminary degrees, or self-appointment. Ministries are birthed through *apostolic fatherhood and spiritual apprenticeship*.

EXODUS 36:1 KJV Then wrought Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise hearted man, in whom the LORD put wisdom and understanding to know how to work all manner of work for the service of the sanctuary, according to all that the LORD had commanded. 2 And Moses called Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise hearted man, in whose heart the LORD had put wisdom, even every one whose heart stirred him up to come unto the work to do it:

The Bezaleel and Aholiab Type:

In the Old Testament tabernacle pattern, God gave the master plan directly to Moses, who instructed Bezaleel (who typed the church age messenger). Under Bezaleel stood **Aholiab**, who typifies the true five-fold ministry disciples and apprentices faithfully tutored under the messenger's pattern to execute the work.

EXODUS 38:22 And Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, made all that the LORD commanded Moses.

Selecting and Testing Young Elders:

Just as Paul recognized spiritual potential in a young Timothy (Acts 16:1-3), an apostle or senior elder identifies gifted young men in the Mother Church. Rather than ordaining a "novice" who might fall into spiritual pride (1 Timothy 3:6), the apostle tutors, disciplines, and tests them over time.

1 TIMOTHY 3:1 KJV This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. 2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; 3 Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; 4 One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; 5 (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God? 6 Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. 7 Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

Molding into the Same Mind:

Mentored elders like Timothy and Titus were shaped into the exact image and mind of their spiritual father.

PHILIPPIANS 2:19 KJV But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timotheus shortly unto you, that I also may be of good comfort, when I know your state. {Paul noted of Timothy} 20 For I have no man likeminded, who will naturally care for your state.

Timothy knew Paul's doctrine and ways thoroughly, Paul could send him to any assembly with complete confidence that Timothy would represent his exact spirit and teaching.

Distinct Roles: Five-Fold Priesthood vs. Appointed Elders

To keep the local Mother Church and her outposts in divine order, the Ephesian pattern maintains a clear distinction between offices and callings:

Ephesian Local and Regional Governance



The Apostle (Regional / Doctrinal Authority):

The highest calling in the five-fold ministry. The apostle is a "sent one" (missionary vision) whose duty is to set doctrinal parameters, correct errors, tutor young ministers, and establish new churches across cities or nations.

The Local Pastor / Bishop (Local Executive Authority):

While the apostle sets the regional or doctrinal order, the *pastor (or bishop)* is the highest authority within the local church. The term "elder" signifies the man's spiritual maturity, while "bishop" signifies his office as local overseer. The pastor's primary commission is to shepherd and feed the local flock.

Appointed Elders (Helpers to the Local Work):

Appointed elders are seasoned, reliable men set up in a congregation to help manage local affairs, visit the sick (**James 5:14**), and maintain order.

Economic Distinction:

True five-fold ministers (pastors/apostles) are part of the full-time priesthood supported by the tithing of the altar, so they remain untangled from worldly business. By contrast, *appointed elders are commanded to hold secular jobs ("eat their own bread")* so as not to burden small, developing congregations.

How Sister Churches and Foreign Outposts Are Planted

When an apostolic Mother Church matures, she cannot remain barren; she naturally reproduces herself by bringing forth *sister churches and outposts*:

- **Storing Up Spiritual Food:**

The Mother Church acts as a centralized storehouse where deep Word doctrines, transcripts, and ministerial teachings are recorded and preserved.

- **Commissioning Mentored Ministers (The Titus Commission):**

When new converts arise in a city or third-world country (e.g., Crete, India, Africa, or the Philippines), the apostle does not leave them as ungrounded converts to drift back into paganism or denominational creeds. He sends a tutored minister such as Titus to *"set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city"* (Titus 1:5).

- **Deploying Delegation Teams:**

Paul frequently deployed teams of trained helpers including *Tychicus, Onesimus, Epaphras, Erastus, and Timothy* to carry letters, inspect church conditions, deliver doctrinal decrees, and strengthen remote assemblies.

Scriptures that confirm various aspects of the Ephesian Pattern and Apostolic Order:

ACTS 19:22 So he sent into Macedonia two of them that ministered unto him, Timotheus and Erastus; but he himself stayed in Asia for a season.

ACTS 20:4 And there accompanied him into Asia Sopater of Berea; and of the Thessalonians, Aristarchus and Secundus; and Gaius of Derbe, and Timotheus; and of Asia, Tychicus and Trophimus.

ROMANS 16:23 Gaius mine host, and of the whole church, saluteth you. Erastus the chamberlain of the city saluteth you, and Quartus a brother.

EPHESIANS 6:21 But that ye also may know my affairs, and how I do, Tychicus, a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, shall make known to you all things:

EPHESIANS 6:24 Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen. To the Ephesians written from Rome, by Tychicus.

COLOSSIANS 1:7 As ye also learned of Epaphras our dear fellowservant, who is for you a faithful minister of Christ;

COLOSSIANS 4:7 All my state shall Tychicus declare unto you, who is a beloved brother, and a faithful minister and fellowservant in the Lord:

COLOSSIANS 4:9 With Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They shall make known unto you all things which are done here.

COLOSSIANS 4:12 Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.

COLOSSIANS 4:18 The salutation by the hand of me Paul. Remember my bonds. Grace be with you. Amen. Written from Rome to Colossians by Tychicus and Onesimus.

2 TIMOTHY 4:12 And Tychicus have I sent to Ephesus.

2 TIMOTHY 4:20 Erastus abode at Corinth: but Trophimus have I left at Miletum sick.

TITUS 3:12 When I shall send Artemas unto thee, or Tychicus, be diligent to come unto me to Nicopolis: for I have determined there to winter.

PHILEMON 1:10 I beseech thee for my son Onesimus, whom I have begotten in my bonds:

PHILEMON 1:23 There salute thee Epaphras, my fellowprisoner in Christ Jesus;

PHILEMON 1:25 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen. Written from Rome to Philemon, by Onesimus a servant.

Establishing Local Self-Governance:

Once an outpost or sister church grows, the apostle appoints tested local elders. Over time, as an elder proves his pastoral gift and character, he is voted in by the congregation to become the full-time pastor of that sister church.

Preventing Errors and Maintaining the "Unity of the Faith"

The primary objective of this structured five-fold interaction is to bring the universal Bride into the *Unity of the Faith* (Ephesians 4:11–13):

- **Eliminating "Nicolaitanism" & Pop-Up Lodges:**

Without apostolic order, message groups often break into isolated "message lodges" where unqualified men self-appoint themselves as pastors, resulting in mixed doctrines, Oneness/Trinitarian confusion, and church splits.

- **Networked Doctrinal Alignment:**

When sister churches are birthed through a shared apostolic fatherhood, they teach the exact same revealed Word whether in North America, Africa, Europe, or Asia. If a doctrinal dispute arises in a local assembly, the local elders consult the apostolic order to resolve it cleanly without political power struggles.

Mutual Care and Financial Balance:

Under apostolic order, larger mother assemblies assist struggling foreign outposts or poorer sister churches. A pastor with over ten believers in a poor region receives the same doctrinal respect and spiritual backing as a pastor over a hundred believers, ensuring no joint in the Body starves or lacks.

Through this divine mechanism where the *Son of Man gives the revealed Word to the apostle, the apostle tutors the elders, the elders pastor and feed the local assemblies, and husbands lead their families* the whole Body is fitly joined together, compacted, and brought into complete readiness for the Rapture.

Who is an Apostle?

Under the restored apostolic order and the Ephesian pattern, the office of an *apostle* is defined by a specific divine calling, rigorous spiritual qualifications, and distinct ministerial traits.

1. The Calling of an Apostle

Sovereignly Ordained by God: An apostle cannot be self-appointed, voted in by human politics, or produced through seminary education or fasting and prayer.

Apostleship is a sovereign, predestinated act of God established before the foundation of the world under the principle that *"gifts and callings are without repentance"*.

Meaning of "Sent One" / Missionary: The word *apostle* literally translates to "one sent" or a missionary. An apostle is sent with a specific divine commission and authority to cross regions or countries, take the Word into new fields, and plant and establish local churches.

Highest Doctrinal Calling in the Fivefold: In the divine order of the fivefold ministry (*Ephesians 4:11, 1 Corinthians 12:28*), apostles are placed first. While a prophet-messenger brings the original revealed Message for an age, the apostle holds the highest authority within the fivefold ministry to take that Message, set the doctrinal order, and establish churches upon it.

Distinction in Authority: The distinguished difference between the apostle's regional doctrinal scope and the local pastor's office: while the apostle sets the overarching doctrinal order across sister churches, the local pastor (bishop) holds the highest executive authority over the local flock.

Qualifications of an Apostle

Male Gender Requirement: According to the scriptural seed-law, a fivefold minister or apostle must be a man, as the male carries the seed/life-giver role representing Christ.

Genuine New Birth & Holy Spirit Baptism: The absolute primary qualification for any true fivefold minister is to be genuinely born again through the quickening Word of Truth for his day and filled with the Holy Spirit.

The "Called, Cleansed, and Commissioned" Pattern: Following the pattern of *Isaiah 6* and *Leviticus 8*, an apostle must be:

- Called: Sovereignly gifted and chosen by God.
- Cleansed: Sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost through the unadulterated doctrine of Christ.
- Commissioned: Endued with divine power and placed into action by God at the appointed time.

Vindicated by Power and Word: A true apostle's gift is authenticated not by academic degrees, but by the power of God demonstrating the Word, discernment, and rightly dividing the Message.

Key Traits & Characteristics of an Apostle

Fatherly Mentorship (The Paul-Timothy/Titus Pattern): A primary trait of an apostle is spiritual fatherhood. Operating like Bezaleel tutoring Aholiab, an apostle tutors, disciplines, and shapes young elders (such as Paul did with Timothy and Titus) until they carry the same mind and doctrine to pastor and lead local assemblies.

Passion for Making Disciples: The main priority of an apostolic ministry goes beyond holding meetings; it is to produce true, grounded disciples who are fully established in the Word.

Defending the Faith & Correcting Error: Apostles are "responders" who stand on the frontline to defend sound doctrine, withstand false ministers (gainsayers), stop unruly talkers, and keep assemblies from drifting into legalism, Oneness/Trinitarian errors, or human creeds.

Unwavering Loyalty to the Pattern: Following the pattern of the Apostle Paul, a true apostle never deviates from the Word, refuses to compromise for financial gain or popularity ("filthy lucre"), and speaks the exact same concepts to bring assemblies into the unity of the faith.

Magnifies the Local Pastor: In his interactions with local churches, a true apostle does not publicly humiliate or undermine a local shepherd, but magnifies the pastor in the eyes of his congregation to maintain divine order.

Classification by Geographic Reach & Scope

Apostles for Countries / Sea-Traveling Apostles (Missionaries): These are apostles called with a broad, international commission to travel the seas, cross oceans or borders into foreign nations, and establish the Word in new territories.

Local / Land Apostles: These are apostles called to labour within their own native country or local region, establishing and overseeing local outposts and sister assemblies in their own land.

Classification by Doctrinal Authority & Office

Prophet-Messenger Apostles (Apostles to an Age)

A major prophet sent by God to bring the original revealed Message for an entire age (such as Paul for the first age or William Branham for the end time). A prophet-messenger is on the level of direct divine vindication ("equal to God" in authority) and brings the foundational Word of life.

Paul, for instance, held a *twofold office* he was both the prophet-messenger/apostle to the entire age and the apostle/father to his local church at Ephesus.

Fivefold / Regional Apostles: High ministers set within the [Ephesians 4:11](#) fivefold ministry. While they do not bring an original age-message like a major prophet-messenger, they hold the highest authoritative office within the fivefold ministry to take the prophet's message, set local and regional doctrinal order, tutor young elders, and establish assemblies.

Classification by Era & Dispensation (Alpha vs. Omega)

Son of Man Alpha Apostles (Early Church Apostles): The original twelve disciples and Paul, who were sent under the Son of Man Alpha (Jesus Christ). They laid the cornerstone foundation and established the original apostolic doctrine and Ephesian pattern.

Son of Man Omega Apostles (End-Time Apostles): Apostles raised up under the ministry of the Son of Man Omega (the end-time prophet under the 7th Seal). They take the opened 7 Seals mysteries and capstone revelation to set churches in order and build the Bride into rapturing faith.

Classification by Target Group / Commission

Apostles to the Circumcision: Typified by *Peter*, who was sovereignly commissioned with the gospel to the Jewish people.

Apostles to the Uncircumcision: Typified by *Paul*, who was sovereignly commissioned with the gospel to the Gentiles.

True Apostles vs. False Apostles

True Apostles: Sovereignly called by God, birthed with a genuine Holy Spirit birth, and anointed by an un-fallen ministering angel. They hold fast to sound doctrine, mentor spiritual sons (such as Timothy and Titus), set church order, make true disciples, and refuse to preach for popularity or financial gain ("filthy lucre").

False Apostles (*Pseud apostolos* / Deceitful Workers): Referenced in **2 Corinthians 11:13-15** and **Revelation 2:2**, these are self-appointed or human-ordained ministers anointed by fallen angels or demons from the bottomless pit. They transform themselves into apostles of Christ, using the message vocabulary to misplace, dislocate, and pervert doctrine, create divisions, and draw away disciples after themselves.

Mother Church

Under the *Ephesian pattern*, the identity of the *Mother Church* is understood across three distinct scriptural dimensions, the original historical pattern, the ultimate heavenly reality, and the restored end-time Bride, in direct contrast to the false mother church of religious organization.

The Early Church at Ephesus (The Historical Model)

Historically, the *original Church at Ephesus* established by the Apostle Paul in A.D. 53 was the primary *Mother Church* and model for all local assemblies.

The Most Mature Church: Ephesus was the most spiritually mature church in the New Testament era, established under the direct visitation of the Pillar of Fire through Paul.

The Model Pattern (*Metropolis*): Just as a capital city is called a *metropolis* ("mother city"), Ephesus functioned as the mother church whose apostolic order, doctrine, and structure set the standard (*meter* / divine standard) for all other churches to replicate.

The New Jerusalem (The Ultimate Heavenly Mother)

In the highest spiritual sense, the *New Jerusalem* is declared in Scripture to be **"the mother of us all"** (**Galatians 4:26**).

The Mother City (*Metropolis*): The word *metropolis* comes from *meter* ("mother") and *polis* ("city"). The New Jerusalem is the eternal, model Mother City from which the entire family of God draws its spiritual origin, authority, and divine nature.

The Habitation of God: It represents the perfected, glorified Bride in the unseen realm, governing all realms under the headship of Christ.

The Restored End-Time Ephesian Bride (The Present Reality)
In the end-time restoration following the opening of the Seven Seals, the *True Ephesian Church (the Elect Bride clothed in the Word)* acts as the *Mother Church* on earth.

Dressed in the Fine Linen of the Word: The end-time Ephesian Mother Church is the universal body of birthed, predestinated believers who have returned to the original apostolic faith of Paul.

Maternal Duty of Feeding the Flock: As a spiritual mother, her five-fold ministry measures out the unadulterated "food in due season" to nourish, protect, and form believers into the stature of a perfect man.

Birthing Sister Churches and Outposts: A true mother church under this pattern is not an isolated or self-centred institution; she is fruitful and reproduces herself by sending out tutored elders, supporting global missions, and birthing sister churches/outposts around the world.

The Contrast: Mystery Babylon (The False Mother Church)

The true Ephesian Mother Church with *Mystery Babylon (the Roman Catholic Church)*.

The Mother of Harlots: **Revelation 17:5** identifies the Roman system as **"MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS"**.

False Daughters vs. True Offspring: While the Roman Catholic Church acts as a false mother that birthed denominational "harlot daughters", (Protestant systems and ecumenical lodges bound by human creeds), the *Ephesian Mother Church* brings forth true, Word-born sons and daughters who carry the exact Zoe life and seed-germ of Jesus Christ.

Dimension	Identity	Primary Role & Function
Historical Pattern	The Early Church at Ephesus	Paul's apostolic church; set the divine standard and doctrine for local church order.
Heavenly Origin	The New Jerusalem	The spiritual <i>Metropolis</i> ("Mother City") of all elect sons and daughters.
End-Time Restoration	The Restored Ephesian Bride	The true Word-born Church; feeds believers the 7th Seal mysteries and reproduces sister churches.
False Counterfeit	Mystery Babylon (Rome)	The false mother church that birthed denominational harlot daughters and ecumenical lodges.

Apostolic Church Order

Within the *Apostolic Church Order*, the pastor's accountability is structured through spiritual stewardship and local operational boundaries:

Spiritual Account: The pastor (bishop) holds the highest spiritual authority in the local assembly as the shepherd placed by the Holy Spirit and is held responsible to *give a spiritual account* for feeding and overseeing the flock.

Theocratic Rather Than Democratic Governance: The local assembly functions as a *divine theocracy* rather than a human democracy or commercial corporation. Spiritual leadership is not subject to congregational voting or corporate board dictation.

Executive Voting Boundaries: Although the pastor serves as the executive head or president over both the Deacon Board and Trustee Board, he *typically does not vote except to break a tie*.

Administrative Delegation: To prevent pastoral burnout or autocratic micromanagement, board chairmen oversee their respective members and report directly to the pastor. Deacons protect the pastor's time for prayer and Word study while non-priestly trustees maintain transparent financial books.

Under the *Apostolic Church Order*, financial integrity and corruption prevention are maintained through a structured framework of distinct offices, explicit financial boundaries, and transparent bookkeeping. Separation of Powers and Clear Administrative Boundaries.

Distinct Functional Roles: The church structure establishes clear boundaries between the:

- *Pastor (spiritual overseer),*
- *the Deacon Board (order and congregational care), and*
- *the Trustee Board (financial and asset stewardship).*

Balanced Executive Oversight: The pastor acts as the executive president over both church boards to maintain spiritual direction but *typically does not vote except to break a tie*, while board chairmen manage day-to-day details.

Strict Division Between Tithes and Operational Offerings

Tithes Reserved for Priesthood: The tithe (the first 10% of income) is designated holy unto the Lord and belongs exclusively to the *full-time priesthood (the pastor)* to support their living, keeping them untangled from secular jobs.

Offerings Fund Operational Costs: Building expenses including mortgages, utilities, maintenance, technology, and instruments are funded strictly through *voluntary offerings and donations*, ensuring facility needs do not confiscate pastoral support.

Transparent Bookkeeping by Tested Trustees

Financial Record-Keeping: Trustees are non-priestly administrative officers tasked with maintaining church bank accounts, keeping financial books, paying facility bills.

Elimination of Secret Handling: Official financial stewardship through tested trustees eliminates *secret money handling, commercialized religion ("golden calf schemes"), and the mercenary hireling spirit.*

Protection Against Board Interference

No Unscriptural Board Dictation: While trustees record and deposit incoming funds into bank accounts, they *cannot dictate how the pastor uses tithes* or unilaterally impose a fixed salary on the pastor.

Guarding Divine Order: Preventing administrative boards from seizing or controlling priestly tithes ensures that church finances remain governed by scripture rather than human or corporate leverage.

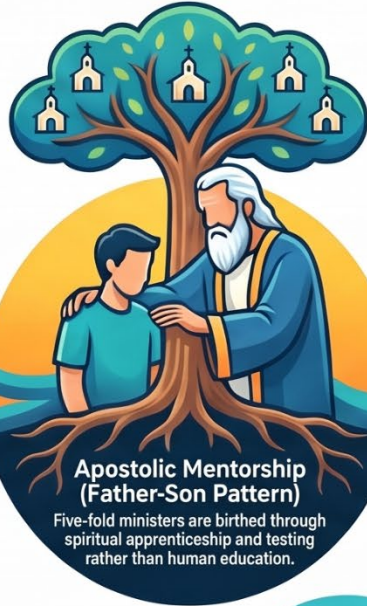
Blueprint of the Ephesian Church Pattern

LEADERSHIP & APOSTOLIC MENTORSHIP



Regional Apostles vs. Local Pastors

Apostles establish regional doctrinal order, while local pastors hold executive authority over local flocks.



Apostolic Mentorship (Father-Son Pattern)

Five-fold ministers are birthed through spiritual apprenticeship and testing rather than human education.



Full-Time Ministers vs. Appointed Elders

Five-fold ministers live off tithing; appointed elders hold secular jobs to avoid burdening assemblies.



A spiritual framework where local churches operate as interconnected networks rather than isolated institutions. Guided by five-fold ministry roles, father-son mentorship, and distinct administrative governance, this model ensures doctrinal unity, financial integrity, and spiritual growth across local assemblies and global outposts.

GOVERNANCE & FINANCIAL INTEGRITY



Theocratic Local Governance

Churches function as theocracies where spiritual leadership is led by God, not democratic board dictation.



Strict Division of Tithes and Offerings

Tithes exclusively support full-time pastors, while voluntary offerings fund facility and operational costs.



Administrative Separation of Powers

Tested trustees manage transparent financial books without dictating how the pastor uses tithes.

MOTHER CHURCH DIMENSIONS



HISTORICAL PATTERN

Identity: Early Church at Ephesus
Primary Role & Function: Set the divine standard and doctrine for local church order.



HEAVENLY ORIGIN

Identity: New Jerusalem
Primary Role & Function: The spiritual Metropolis ("Mother City") of Word born Sons & Daughters



END-TIME RESTORATION

Identity: Restored Ephesian Bride
Primary Role & Function: Feeds believers revealed truth and reproduces sister churches.

