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What has been illustrated here is the functioning of the Church as given in the scriptures and as shown in parts of the body. For our body is called the temple (church) of God and God dwells in the temple. God made our body like the tabernacle in which He was worshiped, in which He dwelled, in which His glory was shown and where people came to communicate with Him.

We are the temple of God as a unit and when we come together collectively, being a part we become again a temple and God dwells among us. If we do not become a part then how will we become one unit, but only different types of units and God will not dwell in us a whole.

God has designed us very beautifully as individuals and as a family and as a congregation. Let us to live our lives in that fashion for God Himself followed it. Although Enoch who was a prophet came before Abraham an apostle, God did not let Enoch build the first Church. God took away Enoch since God knew Abraham was the right person to do the job.

What is illustrated here is a template; it is not the final word on how the functioning of the calling should be. Abraham was an apostle and he got married for God wanted to bless him with children and through him have His people. Marriage is only for two reasons one if God wants to bless you with children and second if you are weak in the flesh and want to refrain from sinning, for God permitted man and his wife to come together in an holy matrimony.

Even my brother in the Lord who's calling is of an apostle when was told that apostles did not get married, he felt in spirit that he had to get married and asked the Lord and the Lord answered him that he was to be married.

Some times we would even have a primary calling of an apostle but in some area or for a period God will use us as a prophet or teacher or evangelist or healer. This is the same that happened with Paul who was an apostle but was like a small teacher. He wrote his teaching through his letters but could not match the teacher. For example Paul writes about the nine fruit of the Holy Spirit. But if you read in the book of Revelation you will find it is written twelve fruits. Which are the other three fruits? You will find them mentioned in the first book; Genesis (I will be writing about the twelve fruit of the Holy Spirit).

Galatians 5

²²*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,*

²³*gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.*

Revelation 22 [NIV]

¹*Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.*

Revelation 22 [KJV]

¹*And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.*

²In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

Another example is the great mystery that Paul speaks about the Trinity – three Gods in one. All are called Lord yet they are three individuals. But in none of his letters does Paul speak of the seven in one. We all say the Holy Spirit which is one yet in the book of Revelation and even in the Book of Isaiah is written about the seven Spirits of God.

Revelation 4

*²At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it. ³And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian. A rainbow, resembling an emerald, encircled the throne. ⁴Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads. ⁵From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. **Before the throne, seven lamps were blazing. These are the seven spirits of God.***

Isaiah 11

*² The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and of power,
the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD -*

Paul wrote good letters but as for the gift of an evangelist he had none, he was upset when he was compared to one for his preaching. That time he was overcoming his ‘throne in the flesh’; his pride.

Even with me, thou my calling is of a teacher the Lord has gifted me like a seer. A seer is a prophet who the Lord talks through visions. Now my visions are specific to certain areas, teaching me the Word of God (whenever I need to understand any thing from the Bible, I just ask the Lord and He teaches me through visions, and I say no one can teach like the Lord does), any thing concerning my self, family and the people I am connected with for evangelizing.

God had made us like soldiers of a defense force and we are at war with the evil forces of the spiritual world. With each having a specialized task since we fight a spiritual battle I chose the air force (this is what the Lord showed me once) just to give an idea.

- 1) An Apostle – A stealth fighter; who penetrates silently and does the first attacks. Disables the critical defenses of the enemy.
- 2) A Healer – A nuclear bomber; which impacts and shakes enemy camp and creates great damages.
- 3) An Evangelist – A conventional bomber; like a bomber carries many bombs and destroys most of the main defense strong holds of the enemy.

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- 4) An Administrator – A fighter plane; that goes in for the tactical fight; more of a one to one combat. It is the fighter plane that also helps in maintaining control over the air and needs to take regular but short trips.
- 5) A prophet – Is like a missile launcher that carries missile which covers great distances but is launched from far sources and whose hit is accurate to a square meter.
- 6) A teacher – A communication plane like the AWAC that informs the forces about the enemy's positions and handles the logistics.
- 7) The Lord – Is like the general who sits in the planning room and gives instructions and guidance on the war positions.

Now what is also to be understood that all the bombers or fighters carry guns and missiles on them and also have radar devices and communication equipment too. But yet they are built for specific tasks.

Like our body is divided into 7 main divisions yet we are one, so is Christ - Lord, the Holy Spirit and God the Father yet they are one. We are built in the image of God (all three) both physically and spiritually.

Genesis 1

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

*²⁷ So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.*

Hebrews 11

³⁹ These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised.

⁴⁰ God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

There are some things that I can not reveal now in detail for the time is not right (the time is always right but the heart of man is not right now). But there are some sets of caution to the people of the different callings that I would like you to take note:-

- 1) The Apostle – Before teaching the Word you will have to endure it. It is not going to be easy and there is not much glory but a lot of pain and suffering that is called for. To give an idea I will quote a few of Paul's words.

1 Corinthians 4

⁹ For it seems to me that God has put us apostles on display at the end of the procession, like men condemned to die in the arena. We have been made a spectacle to the whole universe, to angels as well as to men. ¹⁰ We are fools for Christ, but you are so wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are honored, we are dishonored! ¹¹ To this very hour we go hungry and thirsty, we are



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in rags, we are brutally treated, we are homeless. ¹²We work hard with our own hands. When we are cursed, we bless; when we are persecuted, we endure it; ¹³when we are slandered, we answer kindly. Up to this moment we have become the scum of the earth, the refuse of the world.

You are to build churches and yet not to be attached to any one in particular.

- 2) The Prophet – You are the spokesman of God be very careful of every word that you speak. You can become a shield between the angry of God and man but some times it is necessary for man so step aside. Be clear of your messages, if not please do not speak them.
- 3) The Teacher - God blesses you with wisdom and knowledge but do not let it go to your head that you know. For we not even a pond compared to the ocean. Do not become like Solomon who thought he knew the end and had a great disaster.
- 4) The Administrator – You too need to go through endurances if not as much as an apostle. You need to be routine and daily do the work of the Lord. Be watchful at all times for others and also for your own self.
- 5) The Evangelist – You may stand on the stages in front of large crowds but do see yourself there but see God putting you there. You do have wisdom and knowledge but remember you can not match the wisdom and knowledge gifted to the teacher.
- 6) The Healer – Great miracles and healing will take place through you, but always remember it is the Hand of God that does it. You may witness glory along with the evangelist but do not let it go to your head. Do not let pride come to you for it was pride that bought Satan to his fail. Do not become like the dragon and the beast.

Let us all work in the vineyard of the Lord and harvest not only the great harvest that set for us but overflow them.

God Bless.