

# J.I.M. Ministry Base

## Apostolic Church Overview

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What sets apostolic churches apart from other churches. This is a very quick overview.

Understand apostles and ministry gifts first to understand God's government

Eph 2:20            Foundation of the church are apostles and Prophets

Eph 4:11-13        God' Government

1 Cor 12:28        The order in the church

12 original apostles to the Jews

30+ listed Accession apostles to Gentiles

Jesus established and named apostles (means "sent one")

Apostles oversaw the church in Acts, not pastors or teachers

Word usage in the New Testament

Pastor	3
Evangelist	3
Prophet	84
Teacher	14
Apostle	74

### A. Driven by vision and values

1. A large vision drives all decisions.

This is reflected in a condensed mission statement of the vision.

2. Vision driven over heritage. Heritage is looking to past.

Vision is creating the future. Heb 11:1

3. Greater realms of faith are required.

4. All ministry creates theology. Theology does not dictate ministry.

1. Bible is true and absolute.

2. Jesus is God and Lord.

3. Personal relationship emphasis. Heaven and Hell issues.

5. Restoration theology. Heb 6:1

1. Defeat of Satan.

2. Church is advancing.

3. War continues but we are winning.

4. All truth restored to past glory.

6. Church is living organization run by relationships.

7. Spiritual authority and responsibility of leaders is high.

1. They are trusted by God.

2. They are mature in doctrine.

3. They are focused.

4. They activate gifts and release people according to apostolic purpose.

Acts 16:1-3, 15:22

8. Sound doctrine is maintained throughout.

### B. Pastor or Apostle leads the church.

1. The leaders role is to cast the vision.

2. Decisions are made by leadership team not by congregational vote.



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3. Low management high leadership.
4. Team building.
5. Long term commitment.
6. The leaders, not the congregation, choose successors.
7. Greatest dynamic of growth is when the leader leads and the congregation

ministers.

## C. Practicing of belief system

1. Worship.
  1. Dynamic.
  2. Participation expected.
  3. Focused on themes: intimacy, warfare, prophetic, intercession, revival etc.
  4. Worship has liberty and freedom of expression.
2. Prayer.
  1. Intercession and intercessors raised up.
  2. Focused on vision and on the lost.
3. Preaching or teaching.
  1. Basic and applicable.
  2. Revelatory and prophetic.
  3. Equipping the saints for daily battle and long term war.
4. Ministry
  1. All believers can Minister. Rev 1:6
  2. All believers expected to be active in helping fulfill the vision.
  3. The weight of visitation and follow-up is on the congregation
  4. Saints to give and receive ministry of the church.
  5. Saints expected to tithe.
  6. Saints to be submitted.
  7. Power of God released in services to flow.
  8. Resurrection and life anointing seen in all areas.

## D. Outreach

1. Expanding and advancing.
2. Church planting or sending.
3. Serving a community into change.
4. Cross cultural ministry and missions.
5. Specialized outreach to impact.
6. Long term effort over event driven activity.
7. Apostles will always take ground and expect saints to hold the ground.

## E. Team Ministry

1. Governmental ministry of Eph 4:11-13.
2. Homegrown staff.
3. Training new leaders 2 Tim 2:2.
4. Leadership roles not based on education but faithfulness and soundness of life and doctrine.
5. Always looking for new candidates.
6. Spiritual fathering and mothering 1 Cor 4:15.

## F. Resource Centers

1. Development of ministry resources becomes apparent to others.
2. Ministry gifts are drawn because the saints know they will be equipped.
3. People in need of deliverance are drawn as they know they will be set free.
4. Searched out to lead others.
5. Creating new ministries.



