**Destiny Group Course Series: Apostolic Warfare.** Class #2: The Principle of the First / Dr. Rick Kendall

**Reminder from last week’s session: Apostles**; Gr. Apostolos: Sent to set order, authorized and commissioned delegate/ initiators, **Apostolic warfare:** Gr. Stateia= strategy/ not reaction, but action set on God’s response to His blueprint/ constitution.

**1Corinthians 12:28**, And God hath **set** some in the church**, first apostles,** secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues. **Apostolic: operates, on original principles/ beginnings/ foundations)**

**The apostle Paul says, Ephesians 3:5** In other ages this was not made known unto the sons of men, **as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; NOTE: APOSTLES-architects / beginnings, PROPHETS-contractors / end/ result**

**This unfolding mystery gives us a fellowship= citizenship, Ephesians 3:9 & 11,** And to make all men see what is the **fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world** hath been hid in God, **who created all things by Jesus Christ** (the Word): **11According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:**

1. **Kingdom Principle of FIRST is not first a doing (requiring time), but being (eternal purpose)**
2. **Genesis 1:1,** **In the be-ginning God created the heaven and the earth**. (the BE, blueprint) was in God before it was manifested through Him to **BE spoken**.
3. **John 1:1,** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God*. (the Word be-came the spoken blueprint of creation.)*
4. **We were in God, in Christ, and in the blueprint before it was spoken.**
5. **An apostolic Kingdom church is a nation of FIRST BORN (original creation pattern)**
6. **James 1:18**, Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.
7. **Romans 8:29**, For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate *to be* conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be **the firstborn** among many brethren.
8. **Kingdom Principle of First: Gr. PROTON: first finished in primary= WISDOM**
9. **Matthew 6:33**, But seek ye **first (PROTON purpose)** the Kingdom of God and His **righteousness** (strategic blueprint) and all these **things (application PROTOS)** shall be **added** (supplied) unto you.
10. **Wisdom is not a “what” to do, but first who, why and when is it is to be revealed.**
11. **Proverbs 9:10,** **The fear of the LORD is the beginning (Genesis) of wisdom**: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding. ***Wisdom has a beginning and it’s not issues, but the fear of the Lord bringing application to knowledge*** *(prophetic knowledge beyond current knowing=understanding)*
12. **Luke 7:35,** Wisdom is justified of all her children. (God sets the result and then He begins)
13. **1 Corinthians 2:7** But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:
14. **Kingdom Principle of the last first and the first last / beginning & end simultaneously**
15. **Revelation 1:11**, Saying, **I am Alpha and Omega**, the first and the last: (at the same time)
16. **Ephesians 4:9**, (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? ***(why descend FIRST? To restore the result to the original FIRST)***
17. **Mark 10:29-31**, And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life. **But many that are first shall be last; and the last first. (this is not chronologic, but response logistics)**

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