

THE APOSTOLIC FUNCTION

(from 5Q, Allan Hirsch)

Characteristics:

- Visionary thinking and motivation
- Comfortable crossing boundaries - intellectual, social or cultural
- Starting something new is energizing
- Strategic decision maker
- Innovative approaches and solutions
- Uncomfortable with the status quo
- See things holistically, part of larger system
- Deep relationships at a distance, in outside networks
- Need to move occasionally to pursue a new thing

Functions:

- Seeding the DNA of the church through mission and works that extend the movement
- Maintaining an abiding commitment of sentness (mission)
- Extending the missionary impact of the church
- Networking translocally
- Maintaining a strategic commitment to church planting and pioneering leadership
- Mobilizing leaders, resources, and churches
- Maintain movement wide unity while cultivating diversity
- Plant the gospel

Blind Spots (Watch out for these expressions of immaturity)

Dysfunctional Apostle

- Dogmatic about vision
- Autocratic and domineering
- Seeks to use bullying to control
- Ignores or disassociates with those “who don’t get it”
- Lacks empathy
- Becomes bored quickly and can be impatient
- Gets disillusioned when not seeing quick results
- Sees people as a means to an end
- Struggles with accountability