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1. Introduction

Overview of Apostolic Pentecostal

Apostolic Pentecostal leadership is characterized by a deep commitment to the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Apostles. Leaders in this movement are called to guide their congregations with spiritual authority, rooted in the Holy Spirit's

power and the principles of the Word of God.

Importance of Spiritual Leadership In a world filled with moral ambiguity and secular influences, Apostolic Pentecostal leaders serve as beacons of light, demonstrating Christ-like values and leading others toward spiritual growth and holiness.

2. Core Beliefs of Apostolic Pentecostal Leaders

The Oneness of God Apostolic Pentecostals believe in the absolute oneness of God, rejecting the traditional Trinity doctrine and emphasizing the singular nature of God as revealed in Scripture.

Baptism in Jesus' Name in water . Baptism is performed in the name of The Lord Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, following the teachings of the Apostles in the Book of Acts 2.38

The Evidence of The Baptism in the Holy Ghost is Speaking in Tongues Leaders are filled with the Holy Ghost, evidenced by speaking in tongues, which is The sign of sonship and of spiritual empowerment and a deeper relationship with God.

Holiness and Separation from the World Apostolic Pentecostal leaders uphold a standard of holiness, encouraging their congregations to live separated

lives that reflect Christ's character.

3. Qualities and Attributes of Apostolic Pentecostal Leaders

Spiritual Characteristics

- Filled with the Holy Spirit With The Evidence of speaking in tongues : Leaders exhibit the fruits of the Spirit in their lives.
- Prayerful: A commitment to regular prayer and seeking God's guidance.
- Faithful: Steadfast in their beliefs and practices.

Leadership Attributes

- Servant Leadership: Leading by serving others, following Jesus' example.
- Visionary: Able to see and articulate the mission and vision of the church.
- Integrity: Upholding moral and ethical standards in all actions.

Personal Integrity

- Accountability: Willing to be held accountable by peers and mentors.
- Transparency: Open and honest in dealings with others.

- Humility: Recognizing the need for God's grace and guidance.

4. The Fivefold Ministry

Definition and Purpose The fivefold ministry is a biblical framework for church leadership, emphasizing diverse roles that contribute to the edification of the body of Christ.

Roles: Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, and Teachers

- Apostles: Visionaries and leaders who establish churches.
- Prophets: Individuals who speak God's truth and provide guidance.
- Evangelists: Those who share the Gospel and bring others to Christ.
- Pastors: Shepherds who care for their congregations.
- Teachers: Educators who impart biblical knowledge.

5. Spiritual Practices of Apostolic Pentecostal Leaders

Prayer and Fasting

- Regular prayer and fasting are vital for spiritual strength and discernment.

Study of the Scriptures

- Apostolic leaders are committed to in-depth study of the Bible, seeking to understand and apply its teachings.

Worship and Praise

- Leaders encourage vibrant worship, recognizing its importance in fostering a connection with God.

6. Wisdom, Knowledge, and Understanding

The Role of Wisdom in Leadership

- Leaders seek divine wisdom to navigate challenges and make decisions.

Knowledge of Scripture

- A deep understanding of the Word equips leaders to teach and guide others effectively.

Understanding God's Will

- Leaders strive to comprehend and fulfill God's

purpose for their lives and ministries.

7. Holiness and Separation

Living a Life of Holiness

- Apostolic leaders model holiness in their personal lives, reflecting God's character.

The Call to Separate from Worldly Influences

- Leaders encourage their congregations to avoid practices and behaviors that conflict with biblical teachings.

Impact of Holiness on Leadership

- A commitment to holiness enhances a leader's credibility and effectiveness.

8. Apostolic Leadership in Action

Leading by Example

- Leaders demonstrate the values they preach, serving as role models for their congregations.

Mentorship and Discipleship

- Investing in the spiritual growth of others through mentorship and discipleship programs.

Building Community

- Fostering a sense of community within the church, encouraging fellowship and support.

9. Notable Apostolic Pentecostal Leaders (1960-2000)

1. David Bernard

- Leadership Style: Known for his scholarly approach and emphasis on doctrinal purity, Bernard has served as a pastor and general superintendent of the UPCI. His leadership focuses on teaching and equipping the church for effective ministry.

2. G.A. Muro

- Leadership Style: A prominent evangelist and pastor, Muro was known for his passionate preaching and commitment to evangelism. He emphasized outreach and community engagement, inspiring many to share the Gospel.

3. T.F. Tenney

- Leadership Style: As a pastor and influential leader, Tenney was known for his warm pastoral care and mentoring style. He emphasized the importance

of relationships within the church and encouraged leaders to invest in their congregations.

4. J. T. Pugh

- **Leadership Style:** Pugh was a well-respected teacher and evangelist who emphasized the importance of holiness and spiritual discipline. His leadership was characterized by a commitment to prayer and seeking God's guidance.

5. J. A. McGhee

- **Leadership Style:** McGhee was known for his dynamic preaching and strong emphasis on revival. His leadership style encouraged congregational participation and active engagement in worship.

6. Charles H. Smith

- **Leadership Style:** A dedicated pastor and administrator, Smith focused on church growth and development. He emphasized the importance of training leaders and equipping the next generation.

7. Thomas A. McGhee

- **Leadership Style:** Known for his strong emphasis on missions and evangelism, McGhee inspired many to take part in global outreach efforts. His leadership style was marked by a focus on prayer and fasting.

8. Vaughn Morton

- Leadership Style: Morton is known for his emphasis on teaching and nurturing church growth through strong pastoral care. His leadership is characterized by a focus on community involvement and spiritual development.

9. Elder Couch

- Leadership Style: A respected leader in Racine, Missouri, Couch is known for his practical approach to ministry and his commitment to building strong relationships within the church community. He emphasizes mentorship and discipleship.

10. Elder Epiley

- Leadership Style: Also from Racine, Missouri, Epiley is recognized for his dynamic preaching and ability to connect with the youth. His leadership focuses on fostering a vibrant church culture that encourages participation and spiritual growth.

11. T.W. Barnes

- Leadership Style: A renowned evangelist and prophet, Barnes was known for his powerful preaching and prophetic ministry. His leadership style emphasized the importance of faith and reliance on God's direction in ministry.

10. Conclusion

The Impact of Apostolic Pentecostal Leadership

Apostolic Pentecostal leaders play a crucial role in advancing the Kingdom of God, influencing their communities with the message of Jesus Christ.

Encouragement for Aspiring Leaders Aspiring leaders are encouraged to seek a deeper relationship with God, commit to spiritual disciplines, and embrace the call to serve with integrity and passion.

This booklet serves as a guide for understanding the unique qualities and attributes of Apostolic Pentecostal leaders, emphasizing their spiritual foundation and commitment to living a life that reflects Jesus Christ. By adhering to these principles, leaders can effectively guide their congregations and impact the world for Christ.

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