Subject: Apostles and Prophets
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Because of some questions that were raised on another thread l'd like to start one on Prophets and Apostles. Who are they. What are they. How do we recognize them. How are they called to ministry etc. To me it is an interesting subject.

It seems every time you take a close look at the revivals over the last 2000 yrs you find a supernatural element. At least from what I have read. The reformers walked in the supernatural. Calvin Luther and Wesley did. Both John Knox and George Fox stood (at times at least) under a prophetic annointing.

St. Patrick of Ireland as well as his successors stood under a apostolic annointing. There is simply no other way to explain their authority success in evangelism and supernatural works.

Some time ago I did a study on this subject. The Lord gave me some understanding I had never really seen before and I'd like to share some of it here. I'm grouping Apostles and Prophets together and in most respects using the terms interchangeably for 3 reasons.

- 1/ Because both ministries are really senior leadership in the church
- 2/ Because both ministries walk in a supernatural element that really isn't common to the other ministries
- 3/ Because an apostle is a prophet ( see below) and both are called to the ministry in the same way.

l'm going to confine my remarks here to

- 1/ The reality of Apostles in the NT (everyone probably already knows but others may read it)
- 2/ What is a Prophet or Apostle
- 3/ How do they get called into that ministry

I hope others will comment as well. Surely l'm not the only one who has any wisdom on this subject. If you come across a good book on the subject or a webpage then post a link.