

I have just listened to "**Apostolic Accountability**" by Richard Langworthy, the CTMI Zimbabwe pastor, speaking at the Botswana fellowship in May 2018.

Richard did a great job explaining various passages of scripture on the concepts of **biblical authority and submission**. The most sound and accurate opening up of scripture I have heard from CTMI pastors.

- The gospel requires obedience to Christ from Romans 1:5
- There are relationships of authority and submission in the home for family relationships to work properly from Ephesians 6:1-4
- Elders were in submission to the Apostle Paul with examples from Acts 20; Timothy and Titus.
- To have authority you must be in submission to authority from the example of the Roman centurion in Matthew 8:9

Any orthodox believer has to say "Amen" to these points.

Then there was the inevitable and sad decline into the **standard CTMI doctrine of submission to the apostolic authority of Miki Hardy**. The whole foundation teaching of biblical submission to authority was not to extol the glory of Christ and to encourage believers to submit to Him and his word. Rather it was to extol the apostolic father in the house who has ultimate authority to bring order to "sons and daughters in the house". If we do not submit we are in trouble.

Richard shared a personal testimony of how he had recently been led into closer submission to Miki. In the past he had run in "parallel" with Miki while maintaining a degree of independence. However, after recently attending a conference in Mauritius (where no doubt the same Apostolic authority was taught!) he has come to see the need for full submission. And now amazing things are happening in the spirit!

Almost the exact same message as Peter McKenzie gave as evaluated here
<http://ctmiconcernedparents.com/phpBB-3...?f=6&t=195>

The extension of "Apostolic Authority" beyond the twelve is a dangerous heresy and scourge in the church today. And this is at the heart of what has deluded our children in CTMI. They are lost if they do not obey the Apostle!! And they are told this at almost every conference and special meeting. And boy are there many of those!!

Orthodox biblical belief teaches that only the twelve who witnessed the resurrected Christ in person had apostolic authority to write inspired scripture and found the early church. Now the only official roles in the church are elders and deacons appointed by the CONGREGATION who all serve under the authority of Christ and his word. The congregation has the final authority because in Mathew 18 Jesus Himself taught that the final stage of removing someone from membership is in the hands of the church! Not the elders and definitely not an apostle!

Revelation 21:14 pictures heaven with twelve foundations - the twelve Apostles of the Lamb. No Miki Hardy there!

And we ask yet again - why does Miki Hardy repeatedly deny his Apostolic role when all his pastors keep teaching it? (See here in episode 2 <http://ctmiconcernedparents.com/phpBB-3...?f=7&t=193>)