
Don't you hate it
when someone
let's their position
go to their head?



Galatians 1:1

Paul claims apostolic authority

A.K.A.

a Divine Commission

What does *apostle* mean?

Greek = *apostolos* (ἀπόστολος)

Definition: a sent messenger / ambassador

Why does Paul lead off with this in 9 of 13 letters?

**Does that kind of divine authority make
him arrogant?**

That is exactly the charge liberal and
Jewish theologians.

i.g. Friedrich Maehliss ("Die Unechtheit des Galaterbriefs," 1891)

God won't Paul become arrogant...

Look at Acts 9:15-16

Will do a great work – Will suffer greatly

With chronic illness (had a travelling physician)

(Suffering from circumstances 2 Cor 11:16-33)

(Suffering in his body 12:7; Galatians 4:13-15)

Apostle doesn't mean “boss-lord-master”

When Paul uses the term apostle, he is saying,
“I am the servant of Jesus.”

“I’m not free to do what I want...”

“I live to please the master.”

Take aways

1. Problems can develop humility
2. Live to please Jesus, not the approval of people.
3. What does your submission to Christ look like?