

Notes

Questions for Further Application:

1. What “credentials” does a pastor have that qualifies him for ministry? Is this the same as what Paul was claiming?
2. What tools are available to you to “watch your life and doctrine closely” (1 Tim. 4:16) and avoid the trap of following a “different gospel”?
3. What’s the danger of being “people pleasers” in gospel ministry? What should our main focus be then?
4. How can we balance sharing the truth of God’s Word with making worship and studying the Word appealing to someone who is experiencing it for the first time?

Galatians 1:1-10

¹ Paul, an apostle—sent not from men nor by a man, but by Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead— ² and all the brothers and sisters^[a] with me,
To the churches in Galatia:

³ Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, ⁵ to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

⁶ I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you to live in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— ⁷ which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. ⁸ But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let them be under God's curse! ⁹ As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let them be under God's curse!

¹⁰ Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.