



APOSTLE



Ephesians 4:11-13 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.



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apostle or Apostle?



Luke 22:24-32 A dispute also arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. Jesus said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. You are those who



have stood by me in my trials. And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. “Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”

Luke 22:24-32



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 - a) Distinct Vocation (Luke 22:30)
 - b) Unique Qualifiers (2 Cor. 12:12)
 - c) Common Function (1 Cor. 12:28)



1 Corinthians 12:28 And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues.

John 7:5 For even his own brothers did not believe in him.

Galatians 1:19 I saw none of the other apostles—only James, the Lord's brother.

1 Corinthians 15:7-8 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.



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Apostles are innovators, visionaries, explorers, architects, pioneers, and adapters. They inspire a people-movement that participates in the redemptive mission of God in the world.



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2. Apostolic leadership addresses **task not status** (Luke 22:24-26)
3. Leadership and power are **corporate** before they are personal (Luke 22:31-32)



The focus for the apostolic function is on Jesus' work which **His body** is called to continue.



Acts 15:25-28 So we all agreed to choose some men and send them to you with our dear friends Barnabas and Paul—men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore we are sending Judas and Silas to confirm by word of mouth what we are writing. It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us not to burden you with anything beyond the following requirements



Three **Challenges** to Apostles

1. Whose kingdom are we building?
2. How do we handle resistance?
3. How do we cultivate innovation at home?





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