

Godly Motivation
2 Corinthians 5:9-11
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Thesis: I want to show what is godly motivation.

- Intro:
1. Do people always do things for the right reasons?
 2. What is godly motivation?
 3. Today we will look at some things to consider about motivation.
 - a. When it is godly and when it is not.

I. Unrighteous Motivation

A. Selfishness

1. Self-promotion (**Acts 20:30, Jn 12:42-43**)
2. Wealth (**1 Peter 5:2**, “nor for dishonest gain”)

B. Quantity

1. The whole counsel brings in whole believers (**Acts 20:27**)
2. We cannot be those who pervert the gospel in an attempt to appeal to the crowds (**Gal 1:6-7, Jn 12:43**)

II. Righteous Motivation

A. Strive for the righteous path (**Lk 13:24**)

1. Don't put up with falsehood (**2 Cor 11:3-4,15**)
2. Contend for the faith (**Jude 3**)

B. Strive to be approved by God, not men (**2 Tim 2:15**)

1. We do not want to be disqualified, Paul warned of this (**1 Cor 9:27**).
2. Professing to know God (or to be a Christian) does not automatically qualify a person before God (**Titus 1:16**).

III. Lessons for Us Today

A. Godly Motivation includes selflessness

1. Giving glory to God (**1 Pt 4:11**)
2. Blessing of God are recognized by the selfless (**James 1:17**)

B. Godly Motivation includes righteous motives

1. Be zealous for things that edify (**1 Cor 14:12**)
2. We were created for good, godly works (**Eph 2:10**)

Application & Conclusion:

1. The Christian must do things with the proper motivation.
 - a. Great acts done with selfish motives are worthless.
2. What the Christian does, and how the Christian lives should be done because of godly motivation.
3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9