

MOTIVATION FOR MINISTRY

The purpose of the study is to examine the reason why we do what we do.

Unless we fully appreciate what is in God's heart when He gave us the mandate to represent Him in the earth we will never be able to accomplish it successfully.
What is God's expectation for our life ?

As a result of this study we should understand the fundamental issue,

‘Why do I do what I do?’

I suggest the following Motivations:

- TO LOVE
- TO BE FAITHFUL
- TO BE AN EXAMPLE

I hope you enjoy this study.

Motivation for Ministry

Our Motivation, is the reason we do what we do.

Our Motivation will guide our Destination.

Our Destination will determine our satisfaction, fulfilment and the fruitfulness of our life.

A wrong Motivation will ultimately end up in frustration and disappointment while a correct Motivation will bring great reward.

Three Biblical Motivations for your life

1. LOVE

1 Timothy 1:5 *“Now the end of the commandment is love, out of a pure heart and of a good conscience, and of a sincere faith”.*

(c/- 2 Peter 1:5-10 love and be fruitful, 1 Corinthians 13:1-8, 13 love never fails)

If our motivation is not love then it is not God.

1 John 4:7-8

“God is love..”

John 3:16,17

“For God so loved the world..”

Romans 5:8

“God showed his love toward us..”

Ephesians 3:17

“Rooted and grounded in love...”

God is Love, therefore God = Love. Not judgement or condemnation.

NOTE:

John 3:17 *“God sent **not** His Son into the world to **condemn** the world; but that the world through Him might be saved”*

John 12:46-48 *“..for I came **not** to **judge** the world, but to **save** the world.”*

JUDGEMENT IS COMING, NOT NOW !!! – IT IS AT THE END - AND THE WORD WILL JUDGE NOT US. TODAY THE GRACE OF GOD MINISTERS. It is very important for the Church stop judging and start loving.

1 Corinthians 13 Love of God (bears ,believes, hopes, endures all things)

LOVE

- Gives/Serves
- Others
- Our Expense

LUST

- Takes
- Self
- Others Expense

Regardless of circumstances people should be built up from being with us, Love always does what is right for the other person in any situation.

1(a) LOVE from a PURE HEART

Matthew 12:34 “out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks”
(Things just ‘pop out’ because they are there!!)

OUR HEART IS EVERYTHING

If we have any wrong attitude (motivation), no matter how small or big, it will come out. (opinions or prejudices , likes and dislikes).

Proverbs 23:7 “As a man thinks in his heart so is he..”

- toward people/doctrine

You are what’s in your heart !!!

Ps 51: 10 “ Create in me a clean heart...”

Ps 139:23-24 “...search me ...”

James 2:1-10 “...partiality....”

Proverbs 11:1 “A false balance is an abomination to the Lord..”

- creates a bias in ministry. IMBALANCE

Notes for added thoughts:

Pr 4:23 “ keep your heart...” James 3 : 9-10 “ Blessing and Cursing ..”
All God’s Word must be held in right balance.

2 Timothy 4:2 “Preach the Word” Truth in balance

2 Timothy 3:16 “All scripture is given for ...”

Acts 10:34 “God is no respecter of persons..” Equal for all

Not your own ideas, theories, likes or dislikes - speak the Words of God.

Nothing is going to set people free except God’s Word.

If you have bad attitudes, then do not speak until you have repented and changed your attitude. Then you will speak blessing not cursing.

Study the Word - Be filled with ‘Word’ 2 Timothy 2:15

Psalm 24:3,4 “Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord..”

Those who have a pure heart and clean hands.

1(b) LOVE from a GOOD CONSCIENCE

Nothing Hidden! When we go before God we must be transparent before God and Man. Our conscience must be absolutely clear. A good conscience clear / free of offence unto God.

The yoke is destroyed because of the anointing that comes out of His presence with us. There is no anointing where there is no clear conscience.

Remember we represent God. It is His presence His anointing

Can't fake a good conscience!
Can't fake anointing!
Can't fake relationship!

1 John 3:21 *"..if our heart condemn us not then have we confidence toward God"*

Psalm 37:23 *"the steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, though he fall he shall not be cast down... for the Lord upholds him with His hand"* If we make mistakes , repent and fix the problem.
Mistakes can be corrected / healed etc
Don't just carry on pretending. This is hypocrisy.

Isaiah 10:27 *"..and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing"*
(Anointing is the Presence and Power of God.)

Acts 24:16 *"And herein do I exercise myself to have always a conscience void of offence toward God and toward men"*

Proverbs 10:32 *"The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable"*

**Pure Vessels to Bring a Pure Message
Pure Message Brings Life!!**

1(c) LOVE from a REAL FAITH

Real Faith in a real God. GOD IS REAL (Faith is not God , God gives us Faith)

Hebrews 11:1 *"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen"*

Real Life -- Not theory or philosophy.

God has Real Answers to Real Problems for Real People.

Live It - Preach It – our testimony, our victory. (1 Pet 1: 3-9, Eph 1:13 we are sealed by H/S)

If you don't Live It - Don't Preach It !! We minister from Victory not defeat.

It must be real. Real God – Real Relationship—Real Life
World is looking for Truth not another Theory

Don't preach what you're going through, wait till the victory is yours.

1 Peter 4:11 *"If any man speak let him speak as the oracles of God"*

There is only one person who is going to be glorified for the words that are spoken and that is God.

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2 LOYALTY (FAITHFULNESS)

There is a destiny - a call to which we must be loyal.

Matthew 24:45-46 *“Blessed is the man who is found doing..”*

(Math 9:37 *“ harvest plentiful...labourers few).*

Math 25:21 *“well done good and faithful.....”*

1 DESTINY

1 Peter 1:23 Seeds of Destiny – *“incorruptible seed..”*

James 1:21 *“ implanted Word of God “*

God invests His life into our life as a **seed**. Consider seeds, **everything is in the seed** . Orange seed , Apple seed etc DNA is there . Same for us. DNA of children of God is in the seed. We must allow the seed to grow and be strong and bring forth fruit. c/f John 15:1-8 (Note: good ground = good fruit)

John 1:12,13 Born by will of God

John 3:6 Born of Spirit

2 Cor 5:17 New creature in Christ

Now the seed is speaking to us, we have **a new voice in our life**.

Listen to the Seed = voice of the Spirit = Will of God = the New man

Believe the seed , Obey the seed . This is our new life.

2 PREDESTINATION (The pre-plan of God as regards Destiny, This is our life. It can never fail. It is Eternal)

Romans 8:28-31 Called (we are not an accident, we are a divine purpose)

Ephesians 1:5, 11 *“having predestined us to adoption as sons”*
“being predestined according to the purpose”

Our first call is to be sons and daughters of God, then to do the will of God. This is our inheritance.

Jeremiah 1:5 Foreknew – *“I knew you”*

Psalms 139:13-16 Formed – *“fearfully and wonderfully made”*

1 Jn 2:17 *“ the Will of God endures forever...”*

3 RELEASED TO FULFILL - No Excuse

We have been set free to be Children of God.

Ephesians 4:8-10 “..*captivity captive..*”

John 8:31-36 “..*free indeed..*”

1 John 3:8 “..*destroy the works of the devil*”

1 Peter 2:9 “..*out of darkness..*”

1 Jn 4:4 “*greater is He that is in you....*”

Heb 12:1-2 “*..... let us lay aside*”

Leave the past behind , FORGIVE Jn 20:23 , Math 6:12 (refer to study on forgiveness in PRAYER teaching)

Is 53:4-5 “*born grief's and sorrows...*”

4 FAITH/COURAGE

But we must believe and must have the courage of our conviction

Joshua 1:1-9 “*Be strong and have courage*”

Luke 9:62 “*.....hand to the plough....*”

1 Corinthians 2:9-12 (Isaiah 64:4) ‘*Eye hath not seen nor ear heard*’

Hebrews 10:35,36 “*Need of patience*” (James 5:7)

1 Corinthians 9:24-27 “*We will endure as marathon runners*”

Proverbs 16:3, Psalm 37:3-5, Proverbs 3:5-7 (refer to the WHO AM I teaching “*desire if my heart*”)

5 PRACTICAL EXERCISE: John 1:6 “there was a man or woman sent from God and his name was John (... your name.....)**”**

Put in your name ?? Believe it , own it , thank God for it !!!!!

6 OUR RESPONSIBILITY

John 1:6 “*There was a man sent from God*”

Hebrews 12:1,2 “*Looking unto Jesus, who for the joy ...*”

Romans 12:1,2 “*present yourself a living sacrifice, holy*”

2 Peter 1:10 “*Make calling and election sure.*”

**WE HAVE BEEN CALLED TO FRUITFULNESS
JOHN 15:1-8**

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3 LEADERSHIP

Every Christian is a leader and we must accept the responsibility of carrying the name of Christ.

Once we name the name of Christ, the world is looking at us to observe our behaviour and testimony “ is this Christ real or not ?”

In our family, among our friends, in our community and Nation, we are the Ambassadors of Christ, and this must become a very clear responsibility and Motivation for our life.

This is not the “ gift of leadership” of 1 Cor 12 but it is the responsibility of leadership on every Christian.

Math 5:13-16 “you are the light of the world.....”

LEADERSHIP IS NOT A POSITION, IT IS A REponsIBILITY

Interesting note: The word Christian is in the Bible approx. 3 times

The word Follower is in the Bible approx. 8 times

The word Disciple is in the Bible approx. 259 times

Different interpretations may differ a little but it does give us the message that we need to become Disciples, then we will become good leaders and Ambassadors of Christ. A disciple is Fully persuaded, convinced and committed.

A WHAT IS BIBLICAL LEADERSHIP

1 Peter 5:1-4 “...*be an example*”

1 Corinthians 11:1 “*Be followers of me as I am of Christ*”

A Christian leader is an Example of Christ

Apostle Paul was unashamed of his life and invited people to observe him in all aspects of his life. Not just on Sunday !!!!!??? Not just in Church !!!!!??? but in the Home and the community !!!!!!!????

Philippians 4:9 “*The things you see in me, do*”

Ephesians 5:1 “*be ye followers of God*”

Philippians 3:17 “*follow my example*”

Good Words are undone by bad actions . People do what you DO, not what you SAY !!

Therefore : A CHRISTIAN LEADER IS FIRST A FOLLOWER OF CHRIST,
AND WILL LEAD OTHERS TO CHRIST THROUGH THEIR EXAMPLE.
AMEN .

A Christian Leader leads people to Christ not themselves !!!

Christian Leaders are followers of Christ. They are role models of Christ.
Men and Women of Christian;

- Values)
- Beliefs) Gal 5:16-26
- Conviction)
- Behaviour)
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Proverbs 22:1 *“A good name is more to be desired than riches”*

Note : John 18:38 they could find no fault in Christ

Proverbs 11:3 CHRISTIAN INTEGRITY

Integrity is our commitment to our beliefs and values

Hypocrisy has lost the Church its voice in the world.

TOO MANY CHRISTIAN LEADERS ARE FAILING – Yes, we will be tempted
but: 1 Cor 10:13 , James 1:12 - 15

Our integrity must override our soulish desires

Our integrity should guide our life.

We are a role model - **leadership is a responsibility not a position**

We are not church leaders or cell leaders we are people leaders and we
must set a Godly example.

The Fruit of our life is people not ministries. We bring forth after our own kind ???

2 Peter 1:3

“All things pertaining to life and godliness”

Jude 24

“...who is able to keep us from falling”

Revelation 3:10

“I will keep you in the day of temptation”

1 John 1:9

“ if we confess our sin.....”

***“Therefore Biblical leadership is to be an example of Christ for the
World”.***

B TRUE SHEEP ARE LOOKING FOR THE TRUE SHEPHERD

John 10:1-5, 14-16

Jesus is very clear - in the world and the Church, lost sheep are seeking the **True Shepherd.**

Verse 4: *"My sheep hear my voice"*

Verse 5: *"They will not hear the voice of a stranger"*

Therefore if we want to gather God's sheep then we must bring the voice and heart of the True Shepherd.

GOD'S SHEEP FOLLOW CHRIST NOT MAN.

C HOW DO WE QUALIFY?

John 21:15-19

Jesus makes a very clear qualification - *"Do You Love Me?"*

Everything in our life hinges around this question - **'Do You Love Him?'**
Would you lay down your life for Him? This was Peter's challenge.

John 14:15 *"If you love me..."*

Ephesians 3:1 *"I, the prisoner of the Lord..."*

2 Corinthians 5:14 *"The love of Christ constrains me.."*

IF WE CANNOT DIE FOR HIM , WE CANNOT LIVE FOR HIM .

D FUNCTIONS OF BIBLICAL LEADER (Example)

Acts 20:27-38

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| 1 | Verse 28: | Feed |
| 2 | Verse 29: | Protect |
| 3 | Verse 31: | Warn |
| 4 | Verse 32: | Pray |
| 5 | Verse 32: | Preach |
| 6 | Verse 33: | Pure Heart |
| 7 | Verse 35: | Give |