

KINGDOM THINKING

(A Home Study Guide associated with Impact School of Mission)

Study Guide One // Topic: MOTIVATION

A three - part study examining our Motivation and Life outcomes

Introduction / Your Thoughts:

- a) What does Motivation mean to you?
- b) How does Motivation effect your daily life?
- c) Can you think of times in your life when right/wrong Motivations have had a negative/positive outcome?

Notes:

STATEMENT: *“Motivation is the reason why we do what we do . It determines the fulfilment and satisfaction of our life.”*

This study examines **THREE** critical Motivations for our life which will bring contentment, satisfaction and happiness.

These are **LOVE , FAITHFULNESS AND LEADERSHIP**

1. **LOVE**: This must be the first and primary Motivation for our life.

Read & Discuss the following Scriptures:

1 John 4:7-8

“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.”

John 3:16-17

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.”

John 12:46-48

I have come *as* a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness. And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.

1 Cor. 13:1-8

“Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have *the gift of* prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed *the poor*, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.

1 Cor. 13:1-8 Cont'd:

Love suffers long *and* is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails. But whether *there are* prophecies, they will fail; whether *there are* tongues, they will cease; whether *there is* knowledge, it will vanish away.”

Read and Conclude:

1 Tim. 1:5

“Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith,”

Why did Paul emphasis a pure heart, good conscience and real faith?

LOVE. (How do we personalise this?)

Conclusion/Notes: “I must ...”

2. FAITHFULNESS: This is our appropriate response to the Faithfulness of God, "... our reasonable service". (Ref: Rom. 12:1-2)

Read & Discuss the following Scriptures:

Matt. 25:14-30 & Matt. 24:45-46 (The Parable of the Talents)

(This is a larger passage, therefore, Scripture text not included.)

What does Faithfulness mean to you?

Read & Discuss the following Scriptures:

1 Pet 1:23

"having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever,"

James 1:21

"Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls."

John 1:12-13

"but as many as received Him, to them He gave power to become the children of God, to them that believed on His name, who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."

To what and to whom should we be faithful?

John 15:1-8 (Key Point: “I am the vine, you are the branches ...”)

Put your life into the passage of this Scripture:

FAITHFULNESS. (How do we personalise this?)

Read and Conclude:

John 1:6

“There was a man (woman) sent from God, his (her) name *was* John (**Put your name here**).”

God has birthed His seed into my life. This is my identity and destiny.

Conclusion/Notes: “I must ...”

3. LEADERSHIP: Our personal responsibility to represent Christ in the world.

Read & Discuss the following Scripture:

Matt. 28:19

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the Nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,”

What distinguishes a Disciple from other people?

Read & Discuss the following Scriptures:

Matt. 5:13-16

“You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavour, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven.”

- a) How does this refer to Leadership?**
- b) How does this affect my life?**
- c) Who am I Leading?**

Notes:

How can I be a Leader?

Read & Discuss the following Scriptures:

1 Peter 5:1-5

“The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed: Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock; and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Likewise, you younger people, submit yourselves to *your* elders. Yes, all of *you* be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”

1 Cor. 11:1

“Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.”

Notes:

What is a hypocrite? How does this affect our example?

Phil. 3:17-21

“Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern. For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, *that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame—who set their mind on earthly things.* For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.”

Notes:

In the light of this study and my testimony, what do I do if I am having problems?

Read and Conclude:

1 Cor. 10:13

“No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.”

James 1: 12-15

“Blessed *is* the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.”

1 John 1:9

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Statement: *"If you are having problems, get help and prayer. Do not isolate yourself. God and His people are with you. Your testimony is your victory over daily temptations."*

LEADERSHIP. (How do we personalise this?)

Conclusion/Notes: "PEOPLE DO WHAT I DO, NOT WHAT I SAY."

"Therefore, I must ..."

This concludes our study on Motivation.

Final statement: Every day I dedicate my life to Loving people, being Faithful to God and taking my Leadership role in the world. Amen.

Please Note:

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