

Motivation: What It Is and Why It's Important

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Text – 1 Peter 3:15

I. Types of Motivation

A. _____ motivation

B. _____ motivation

II. Major Components of Motivation

A. Component #1: _____

B. Component #2: _____

C. Component #3: _____

How Do Pastors Keep Motivated

Presented by Pastor Larry Woolley

Text: Philippians 3:13-14

I. THE CALL TO SALVATION MOTIVATED PAUL.

- A. Paul Was Called to Salvation on The Road to Damascus.
- B. Paul Was Called to Suffer for the Cause of Christ.
- C. Paul Was Motivated by the Fact that he was Called out of Due Season.

II. THE CALL TO APOSTLESHIP MOTIVATED PAUL.

- A. PAUL CONSIDERED himself ESPECIALLY BLESSED to be CALLED an APOSTLE of JESUS CHRIST.
- B. PAUL CONSIDERED himself ESPECIALLY BLESSED to HANDLE the WORD of GOD.

III. THE CALL TO PREACH UNTO THE GENTILES MOTIVATED PAUL.

- A. PAUL'S MISSION was ESTABLISHED from the VERY BEGINNING.
- B. PAUL WAS MOTIVATED by THOSE that TRULY DESIRED to HEAR the GOSPEL.

IV. THE CALL TO RUN IN THE RACE MOTIVATED PAUL.

- A. PAUL CONSIDERED it a BLESSING from the LORD to ENTER the RACE.
- B. PAUL WAS MOTIVATED by THE EXCITEMENT of his DEPARTURE.

CONCLUSION: Like Paul STAY MOTIVATED.

- A. REMEMBER YOUR CALL
- B. LOOK FORWARD
- C. PRESS ON
- D. KEEP FIGHTING
- E. FINISH THE RACE
- F. KEEP THE FAITH
- G. IT'S GONNA BE WORTH IT

HOW DO CHURCHES KEEP MOTIVATED?

Presented by Pastor Kevin Parsons

1 Corinthians 10:31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. (KJV)

In attempting to answer this question, we'll divide the subject into 4 sections:

1. UNDERSTANDING MOTIVATION
2. ESTABLISHING CORRECT MOTIVATION
3. MAINTAINING CORRECT MOTIVATION
4. RESULTS OF CORRECT MOTIVATION

First, let's look into...

1. UNDERSTANDING MOTIVATION

As I see it, there are two primary sources of motivation:

1. _____
2. _____

There are lots of external motivations, including:

Some motivations are intended to force a particular response

Employers will fire employees if they don't do what they're told

Parents use the threat of punishment to encourage their children to obey

Some churches try to employ external motivations

I refer to these as “_____”

For example –

The Church of Christ

As I understand it – practice receiving communion every Sunday

Failure to be there and observe communion – leaves you unfit before God

Pentecostal/Holiness churches

Believe you can lose your salvation – so you have to continue in church or you’ll go to Hell

Jehovah’s Witnesses

Must share their message with a lot of people or risk not being considered part of the elite

Muslims

Believe that all of their works will be put on a scale to see if their good deeds out-weigh their bad deeds

We as Missionary Baptists – have no “real” hooks...

Some pastors and churches have tried to create external “hooks”

There are also some very subtle “external” motivations to participate in church

dating prospects

draw attention to self

accolades

social interaction

good preacher/teacher

good music

None of these will end with a God-honoring result

All of these motivations will fail in the long run...

And probably even more important than that is – none of these motivations will result in glorifying God

Remember our purpose is...

1 Corinthians 10:31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. (KJV)

The only biblically correct motivation that will stand-up to the test of I Corinthians 10:31 & the fire that will test our works (1 Corinthians 3:13) –

Is a _____

And this is caused by...

God's love for us

1 John 4:10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. (KJV)

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (KJV)

Jesus' love for us

Ephesians 5:2 And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour. (KJV)

1 John 3:16 Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. (KJV)

This results in... _____

It's the only _____ that will produce the results honoring to God

Jesus expressed His concern regarding this subject to the church in Ephesus

Revelation 2:4 Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. (KJV)

"first love" means _____

Next...

2. IMPLEMENTATION OF CORRECT MOTIVATION

How do we do this?

First, we need to identify _____

This process may not be easy

It will need to start with _____

Next, we need to lead our church through the process of evaluating every aspect of our church to verify if its love for Christ is the motivation

Positions/offices

Ministries

Outreach

Encampments

Everything...

If any position/ office or ministry of the church doesn't pass the scrutiny of this evaluation...

Jesus said...

Revelation 2:5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent. (KJV)

Paul said...

Romans 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. (KJV)

Next...

3. MAINTAINING CORRECT MOTIVATION

Once the understanding of correct motivation has been established, the pastor needs to

Loving Jesus as our only true motivation needs to be

It is the pastor's responsibility to foster a " _____ " love for Christ in our people

How do we do this?

Matthew 22:37-39 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. (KJV)

One of the best ways for pastors to foster the development of this kind of love – is to...

When pastors love their church, they will...

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Finally...

4. THE RESULTS OF CORRECT FOCUS

Examples of correctly motivated church (Acts 2)

Individually, we see the results of correct motivation in the woman known as a "sinner" in Luke 7:36-48

Everything we do should pass the test of 1 Corinthians 10:31

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