

#688 Motivation for Ministry (2 Corinthians 5)

An \_\_\_\_\_ person may be dealing with depression, a lack of confidence, procrastination, or see the goal as overwhelming.

\_\_\_\_\_ is the desire to act in service of a goal, and the compelling forces may be extrinsic or intrinsic.

Motivation #1 the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ

If sinners reject you and your message, it is actually Jesus Christ who is \_\_\_\_\_.

Motivation # 2 is \_\_\_\_\_ rewards

The judgment seat of Christ is not to be \_\_\_\_\_ with the Great White Throne.

Motivation #3 is \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord

Motivation #4 is the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus

Love is a \_\_\_\_\_, not an emotion or feeling; it is an action.

To succeed at ministry you must be \_\_\_\_\_.

Discussion Questions

1. Regarding this sermon, is there any truth that stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful or difficult to grasp?
2. In general, what motivates you in life? What demotivates you?
3. Of the four motivations for ministry shared in this sermon, which one is most likely to keep you motivated? Why?
4. Share the reasons you have to “fear” God?
5. Pray as the Holy Spirit leads for you to be motivated in ministry.

Supporting Scriptures

**Galatians 1:10, 2:20, John 5:24, Col 3:23-24**

2 Cor 5:19b-20a He has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.

2 Cor 5:9-10 So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

2 Cor 5:11a Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade others.

2 Cor 5:14 For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.

John 15:13,16 Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ... I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last ...

Heb 13:15-16 Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.