

## What is the motivation? 2 Corinthians 5:14-15

### Introduction:

Webster says motivation is "something, as a need or desire that causes a person to act." Motives and motivation are often as important as the action itself. Why do you do what you do?

- We act when we think it will be beneficial to us in some way.
- We act when we know it's for the greater good or purpose.
- There are two types of motivation:
  - Extrinsic motivation: motivated by the external. These could be rewards, fear, punishment, insecurity, etc...
  - Intrinsic motivation: motivated from the internal. Something inside of us. Some sort of passion or drive that comes from the inside.

### 1. How did Jesus motivate His followers to do anything for His Kingdom and Glory?

- Jesus called them to something greater than themselves. (**Matthew 4:19**)
- Jesus spent relational time showing them what it means to serve.
- Jesus modeled for them sacrificial love which is the greatest internal motivator. (**John 13:1**)

### 2. When we internally receive, understand, and remain in Jesus, He becomes the most powerful motivator for serving others. (**2 Corinthians 5:14-15, John 15:5-6, Ephesians 6:6-7, Romans 12:1**)

- We will be willing to be used up, poured out for His gain and His glory.
  - Jesus' disciples were not living and dying for a cause, they were living and dying for a man, for a person! (**2 Corinthians 11:23-29**)

### 3. You are a vital and needed part of the church, Christ's body (**1 Corinthians 12:27**).

- What stops you from serving God?
- We will be held liable, responsible for our service (**Matthew 25:21-23; 1 Corinthians 3:11-15**)

**Conclusion:** *Can you imagine what it would look like if we were all motivated to serve Jesus through His Church here at Centralia Christian?*

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