

## Motivated To Teach

### Psalm 11

What would you think of a person who, having the power to save a drowning man refused to do it?

#### Wrong Motives

Possible to do good while having wrong motives...

Pharisees - to be seen of men **Mt 6:1-6**

Ananias & Saphira - to be praised yet keep what was theirs **Acts 5:1-4**

**Philippians 1:15-17** *Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. The former proclaim Christ out of rivalry, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment.*

Increase in numbers

NT speaks of increase in numbers

**Acts 2:47** *added to their number*

**Acts 4:4** *number came to about five thousand.*

**Acts 11:24** *great many added*

Hence, increase not wrong within itself

Must not be vain about it (numbers for sake of numbers)

**2Corinthians 10:18** *For it is not the one who commends himself who is approved, but the one whom the Lord commends.*

Increase of contribution

Why do we want contribution to grow?

#### Right Motives For Saving Souls

Eternal Nature of man - Not wholly mortal

**Genesis 1:26-27** *Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.*

**Hebrews 9:27** *And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment,*

Sin - Alienated from God by wicked works

**Isaiah 59:1-2** *Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or his ear dull, that it cannot hear; but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear.*

**1John 3:4** *Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.*

**Revelation 21:8** *But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."*

**Romans 6:23** *For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

God's provision for sin

**1Peter 3:18** *For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,*

**Hebrews 2:9** *But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.*

**John 16:13** *When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.*

Death & Judgment

**Hebrews 9:27** *And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment,*

Uncertainty of time - period of preparation or probation

**James 4:13-14** *Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit"--yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes.*

**2Corinthians 6:1-2** *Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says, "In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation."*

Eternal state

**Matthew 25:46** *And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."*

**Matthew 7:13-14** *"Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few."*

## **LOVE**

*1Timothy 1:5 But the goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.*

### **Proper Motivation Will Help Us:**

Depend on God; Increase our knowledge of truth; Boldness; Planning; Doing; Encouraging others to save souls

### **Saving Souls Will Bring The Church**

Joy; Increase zeal-dedication, sacrifice; new opportunities

We believe we have the truth. We, therefore have a responsibility.

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