

# What is Your Motivation & Does it Really Matter?

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Deut. 5:7-10 ; Prov. 3:5.6 ; Prov. 19:21

## SUMMARY:

We are each motivated by something. God put in each of us as men the strong desire to achieve. For some it may be power, money, fame, or success. For others it may be acceptance or comfort. Maybe for you it is something else. Left unchecked our motivations can become our gods and move us onto the path of idolatry. Your motivations do matter. God wants them to match His purpose. He wants us to trust Him and not our own understanding. As we approach the season of Christmas and prepare for a new year, join me in a review of our motives and pursuits. May God find us all striving each day to "Live the Life" that He intends us to live.

## NOTES:

## DISCUSSION POINTS:

**Introductory Question:** Have you ever considered the "motivation continuum" and how it impacts your "Living the Life" God intends for you?

Discussion:

- What motivates you? What do you pursue?
- Are their "disabilities" in your life that might be steering your motivations in a negative direction?
- Do you agree that motivations can cause us to become "all about me" when it is really all about God?
- What do you do when you realize your motivations are steering you in a bad direction?
- Are you leading at home?

## APPLICATION:

Motives are important! They have eternal significance. Matthew 6:21 says, "for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Make sure your motives are aligned with the pursuit of God.

## ON YOUR OWN...

Take some time this week to examine your motives and how they fit in the continuum. Seek a brother or brothers in Christ who can help you with this process. Spend time praying about what you discover. Take action and implement the changes that God reveals to you. Talk with you wife about leadership in the family. What can you do to be a better leader?

Eph. 6:7  
Phil. 4:1-8  
Col. 3:23-24