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2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

4 The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

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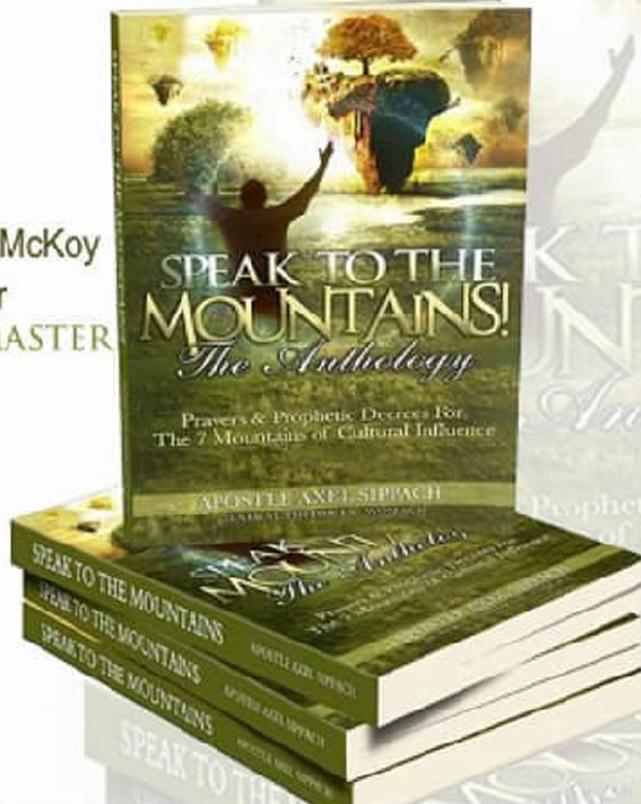
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MOTIVE

The Truth About Our Impact On Others

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Matthew 26:20-25 ~ ²⁰ When evening had come, He sat down with the twelve. ²¹ Now as they were eating, He said, *Assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me.* ²² And they were exceedingly sorrowful, and each of them began to say to Him, *Lord, is it I?* ²³ He answered and said, *He who dipped his hand with Me in the dish will betray Me.* ²⁴ *The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born.* ²⁵ Then Judas, who was betraying Him, answered and said, *Rabbi, is it I?* He said to him, *You have said it.*

Points of Reference:

- Opening Scriptures: Matthew 26:20-25
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FOREWORD

The theme of this article is: *'Motive' and the truth about our impact towards others.* The question is this: *If we, as Christians, examine ourselves, will we confirm that we are instrumental in leading one to Christ, or is there evidence of us grieving the Holy Spirit, evident by how we negatively interact with others?* I indicate **we** because we are one body in Christ Jesus, and what affects one, can affect us all directly and indirectly.

I would like to share my definition of the word *motive*. *Motive is what influences a person to do a particular act or deed; it usually entails an act or deed lacking transparency, or that is not obvious to others. It is the underlying reason behind a person's thought processes and actions.* Now, the question is: *What motivates you?*

Lord, Is It I?

As the opening scripture presented, Jesus is informing His disciples that one of them will betray Him. In turn, the disciples became heavy hearted, and questioned Him to learn of the betrayer. Jesus gave them a clue: it was the disciple who dipped his hand with His in the dish.

John 13:21-30 ~ ²¹ When Jesus had said these things, He was troubled in spirit, and testified and said, *Most assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me.* ²² Then the disciples looked at one another, perplexed about whom He spoke. ²³ Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved. ²⁴ Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask who it was of whom He spoke. ²⁵ Then, leaning back on Jesus' breast, he said to Him, *Lord, who is it?* ²⁶ Jesus answered, *It is he to whom I shall give a piece of bread when I have dipped it.* And having dipped the bread, He gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. ²⁷ Now after the piece of bread, Satan entered him. Then Jesus said to him, *What you do, do quickly.* ²⁸ But no one at the table knew for what reason He said this to him. ²⁹ For some thought, because Judas had the money box, that Jesus had said to him, *Buy those things we need for the feast, or that he should give something to the poor.* ³⁰ Having received the piece of bread, he [Judas] then went out immediately. And it was night.

Judas ran out at night! I would think given those days, such a move would reflect a state of urgency. Judas was so quick to make a move because his heart was a breeding ground for the adversary. Judas was touched by the devil's spirit. It is written that he betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver (Matthew 26:15). It is written that when Judas realized Jesus was condemned, he attempted to return the 30 pieces of silver to those he had conspired with against Jesus. *What price are you paying while you run from Jesus? What are you doing that is causing you to betray or deny God?*

Some who profess to be biblical scholars questioned Judas' motivation for betraying Jesus. For example, some scholars speculated that Judas thought Jesus would use His power to escape, or that Jesus was disrupting the order of government, so that is why Judas betrayed Jesus. What is certain, and is supported by the Holy Scriptures is this: Jesus knows His chosen, and Judas, the son of Simon, was not one of them.

John 13:18-20 ~ ¹⁸ *I do not speak concerning all of you. I know whom I have chosen; but that the Scripture may be fulfilled, He who eats bread with Me has lifted up his heel against Me.* ¹⁹ *Now I tell you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe that I am He.* ²⁰ *Most assuredly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me.*

Judas' actions were a grave insult to Jesus. Judas broke bread with Jesus, he may have even taken part in the washing of feet, and in return, he ran out to betray Jesus.

Our Father in heaven knows all; He is omniscient. Jesus, as it is clearly presented in the Holy Scriptures, truly pleased His Father by doing what He was set out to do. Jesus while in the flesh, fulfilled His purpose during His period here on earth. Knowing that He would be falsely persecuted and crucified, the question is: *Why did Jesus mention the betrayal? Was it to demonstrate His willingness to give Judas another chance; to give him an opportunity to think things over?* The answer is *No*. It was to foretell the events to come in order to give His disciples confidence in knowing who He is; thereby, strengthening their belief in God.

John 17:12 ~ ¹² *While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your Name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.*

Jesus did not choose Judas. Jesus, who knew no sin, knew that events were soon to change significantly; especially as it related to His relationship with His disciples—and Judas. The scriptures reflect that Judas had a contrary spirit. He was more concerned about matters that were not at the forefront of Jesus' teachings. *Can this be said about you? What are your truths?*

We do not know the hour nor the day of Jesus' return, but the signs are that He is coming soon, so we must always be willing to share the joy that we have for the Lord and our God. Being always ready to give a good report, and demonstrate the love of Christ by our actions. So, when we witness to others, professing our love for God, it is so important to examine ourselves and be led by the Holy Spirit. We should resist acting in ways that contradict the move of the Holy Spirit, lest we damage our testimony. We do not want to be one in that number who will not enter into the Kingdom of God.

John 13: 2-10 ~ ² And supper being ended, the devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray Him, ³ Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, ⁴ saying, *I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.* And they said, *What is that to us? You see to it!* ⁵ Then he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed, and went and hanged himself. ⁶ But the chief priests took the silver pieces and said, *It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, because they are the price of blood.* ⁷ And they consulted together and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. ⁸ Therefore, that field has been called the *Field of Blood* to this day. ⁹ Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying, *And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the value of Him who was priced, whom they of the children of Israel priced,* ¹⁰ *and gave them for the potter's field, as the LORD directed me.*

While Judas, the son of Simon, was so close to Jesus (in the physical as a disciple), their spirits were extremely far apart. Judas' actions created an enormous gulf between them. When you think about it, Judas' betrayal was instrumental in leading them both to horrible deaths. Judas led his co-conspirators to Jesus, leading to Jesus' death on a cross—one of the most tortuous ways to die; yet He rose again and He lives. However, it is written that Judas died by suicide; that his body burst onto the ground. Judas died both physically and spiritually, having betrayed the Son of God. It is written that there will be many who will profess to know Jesus; claiming that they have walked amongst the followers of Christ Jesus. Unfortunately, like Judas, they will also become subject to a terrible end because they may have been hearers of The Word, but they were not doers of The Word according to the move of the Holy Spirit.

The Truth About Our Impact

Matthew 7:21-23 ~ ²¹ *Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the Will of My Father in heaven.* ²² *Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?'* ²³ *And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'*

When it comes to serving our Heavenly Father, we should be truthful about our motivation; it should be clear; it is to do His Holy Will. While making a living is essential, our motives for ministry should not be predicated upon earning money, fame, or fortune upon it. Neither is it about focusing upon having *likes* (as in social media standards), or the biggest following. We know that it is about winning souls for the Kingdom of God. Furthermore, it is about having trust that as we go forth, God will provide and bless us according to His Holy Will. *This may not always be easy, but what is the alternative? Do we mistreat others, or do we turn hard, using our gifts deceptively? God forbid.*

Jesus was God in the flesh while here on earth. He could have easily summoned power from on high, and had His way against His (and our!) adversaries, but He did not. He demonstrated His willingness to contain His works and power while He walked here on the earth so that His fame would be revealed in a timely manner. His motivation was to please His Father by spreading the message of salvation.

Hebrews 4:15 ~ ¹⁵ *For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.*

2 John 1-11 ~ ¹ *On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there.* ² *Now both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding.* ³ *And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, *They have no wine.** ⁴ *Jesus said to her, *Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come.** ⁵ *His mother said to the servants, *Whatever He says to you, do it.** ⁶ *Now there were set there six water pots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece.* ⁷ *Jesus said to them, *Fill the water pots with water.** *And they filled them up to the brim.* ⁸ *And He said to them, *Draw some out now, and take it to the master of the feast.** *And they took it.* ⁹ *When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom.* ¹⁰ *And he said to him, *Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the guests have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!** ¹¹ *This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him.*

It is not unusual to hear the skepticism from individuals who are faithless, or to hear the dismay of those who have been hurt by individuals who profess Christianity. Nor is it uncommon to be disappointed by individuals in places of worship to display characteristics that are contrary to the move of the Holy Spirit. It would be disingenuous to believe that we as Believers are always on point, and have crystal clear motives when it comes to serving God. What should be truth about our walk in Christ is that we are not

subject to acts that adversely influence others from receiving Christ as personal Lord and Savior. All of our actions should be premised upon humility and humbleness of heart. Our actions should be about leading those who are lost—those who have yet to receive Jesus The Christ towards Him. We should be led by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Cause of Christ In Us

When we stumble, and not *if* we stumble (we are not perfect in and of ourselves, but are perfect in Christ Jesus), we should be mindful to quickly look to Jesus before succumbing to greater temptations. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we know we can make a positive change to get back up and on the right path so that our living will not be in vain. If we are motivated by gain other than winning souls for Christ, we do the Body of Christ a huge disservice. A tainted walk—whether based upon worldly goods and services, or fleshly desires is a travesty to the cause of Christianity.

Distractions are plentiful; especially when wanting to do good. We must always be mindful, though, to seek the Face of God in what we do, even with good intentions, so that we do not suffer the cause of Christ. Especially, during these arduous times when sin is rampant all around, we need to stay on course. It is so important to stay focused on God.

Needless to share, we are flesh; knowing that sometimes we can become vulnerable. Knowing this, we need to stay in prayer and in fellowship. It is so important to be sensitive to the move of the Holy Spirit. When unsure, seek support from likeminded and spiritually based Believers, and when still unsure, of course, depending upon the desired or needed solution, or for lack of direction, it may be better to wait—to stand. When leaning on Christ, the Solid Rock, knowing that we have the Holy Scriptures as our guide, it is better to suffer for the cause of Christ, than for the cause of Christ to suffer. *When I share it is better to suffer for the cause of Christ, this is for those who know the right way to go, and yet may be tempted to 'go against the grain.'* A sin is a sin, is a sin. Take this suggestion in the spirit it is intended. Use wisdom—seek support—don't go it alone if you are struggling with an issue. Know you don't have to be alone when dealing with a struggle or challenge. Go to a bible-based ministry; someone you trust; a prayer line. If led, a hotline, but know you have an excellent way—the Holy Scriptures.

Jesus' Motives

While walking on earth, Jesus had a motive—better put, Jesus was motivated—He was motivated by Love. As it is written in the Holy Scriptures, it is transparent and very clear—*Jesus loved us so much that He was willing to become the Lamb of God.* Jesus was not motivated by popularity; His motivation was to please our Heavenly Father. *Jesus' motive when He lived, died, and rose again was to save us from spiritual death.*

John 2:23-25 ~ ²³ Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, in the feast day, many believed in His Name, when they saw the miracles which He did. ²⁴ But Jesus did not commit Himself unto them, because He knew all men, ²⁵ And needed not that any should testify of man: for He knew what was in man.

There are times we are motivated by incentives—good and bad. When it comes to serving The Most High God, our top and foremost purpose is to share the gospel so that we may win souls for the Kingdom. Just as important, as Believers, when we are faced with those whose works reveal that they are rising deceitfully, and rising against us, we should focus on The One who is able to keep us from falling. We should hold fast to our hope in Christ Jesus, knowing that we have an expected end with the Perfect Trinity—God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

2 Timothy 3:10-15 ~ ¹⁰ But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, ¹¹ persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra—what persecutions I endured. And out of *them* all the Lord delivered me. ¹² Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. ¹³ But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. ¹⁴ But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*, ¹⁵ and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Pontius Pilate's Seat

Luke 23:22-31(KJV): ²² And he [Pilate] said unto them the third time, *Why, what evil hath He done? I have found no cause of death in Him: I will therefore chastise Him, and let Him go.* ²³ And they were instant with loud voices, requiring that He might be crucified. And the voices of them and of the chief priests prevailed. ²⁴ And Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they required. ²⁵ And he released unto them him that for sedition and murder was cast into prison, whom they had desired; but he delivered Jesus to their will. ²⁶ And as they led Him away, they laid hold upon one Simon, a Cyrenian, coming out of the country, and on him they laid the cross, that he might bear it after Jesus. ²⁷ And there followed Him a great company of people, and of women, which also bewailed and lamented Him. ²⁸ But Jesus turning unto them said, *Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children.* ²⁹ *For, behold, the days are coming, which they shall say, Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suck.* ³⁰ *Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us.* ³¹ *For if they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry?*

When reading scriptures that directly lead up to the crucifixion of Christ, Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor who presided over the crucifixion of Christ, had a choice to make. Do the right thing and let Jesus go, or give the angry crowd their way and crucify Jesus. Pontius Pilate's motive was troubling. He was extremely concerned about his prestige and power as governor. This is evident by the fact that he sought to appease the angry crowd that gathered against Jesus instead of standing firm on the decision to let an innocent man go. Instead of taking a stand to do the right thing, he buckled to the will of the angry mob. Even Pilate's wife tried to persuade him to let Jesus go (Matthew 27:19)—but he did not heed his wife's warning. His worldly desires took precedence over what Jesus offered to the world—a message of hope and deliverance. While Jesus was taken before the Roman rulers, Jesus gave Himself willingly. As we know, it was destined for Jesus to come into this world to spread the message given to Him by God the Father, and to give His life freely as the Lamb of God.

Clear Motives

Are you seeking worldly pleasures and gain that suffers the cause of Christ? Be truthful in your walk—keep this in mind—it is better to suffer for the cause of Christ, than for the cause of Christ to suffer. If you do not know Jesus—learn about Him while you still have time.

Stay Encouraged

Philippians 2:14-16 ¹⁴ Do all things without complaining and disputing, ¹⁵ that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶ holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.

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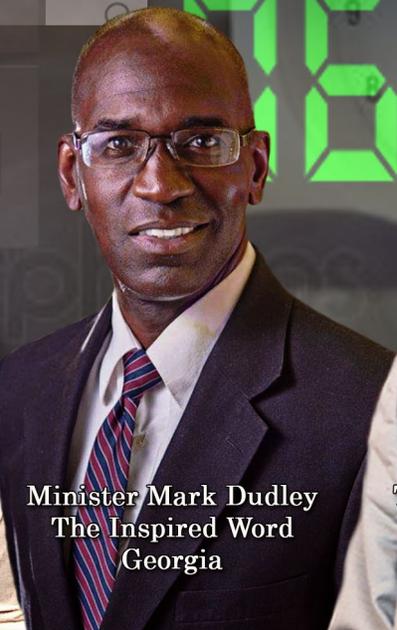


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Changing Our Narrative

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In today's society part of the issue that we deal with is based on our own scope of vision and understanding. By our own very nature, our perspective is blurred by our limited understanding. The reason for making this statement is based on some outcomes and some habits that may need to be aborted. What we call failures are simply missed opportunities to bring about change due to the fact we have never change the narrative of our responses to any given situation. Situations are life lessons viewed by us as challenges. Think of it this way for a moment challenges create growth and accomplishments. How you may ask? Because they require us to reach inside of ourselves and pull out our hidden treasure which is our greater potential which is the seed that was planted by God.

We spend a lot of our time in life comparing our abilities to another, rather than understanding that God has made each one of us unique in his or her own way and has also placed purpose within. We, unfortunately, have taken the posture to look without rather than within. Therefore wasting valuable time murmuring and complaining about the hand in which we feel we were dealt with. The Bible teaches us that "We are more than conqueror..." the first thing we have to conquer is our mindset. Throw out the dirty bathwater that we continue to bath ourselves in that hinders us from having a fresh perspective which will allow that seed inside of us to grow.

Have you taken the time to get by yourself and have a conversation with God? Once you do that formulates a wonderful relationship with the creator. Keywords relationship and creator, meditate on that for a moment it is going to be a crucial thought to help you towards your deliverance to a transformed mind. This way your seed can be fortified and you can grow into your potential and raise up to your purpose. Then that's when God gets the glory out of your life. Don't get caught up with a blurred vision that you can't see the weeds of discontent coming to choke the life out of your roots which should be rooted in the Word of God which is our life-giving source.

We make the mistake of being caught up with the cares of life and remove ourselves from the greatest sources of fortification the Word of God. We then starve the roots and we fade away and cease to exist. Psalms 1 speaks to the benefits and also to the outcome of not.

1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in his law doth he meditates day and night.

3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither, and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

4 The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

6 For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

When we look at this passage of scripture and then reflect on our own lives we should be able to gain a perspective with regards to where we line up with this promise. Reflection is always the true sense of seeing how we are truly dressed in the Word of God. If we are not dressed properly we have the opportunity to change something or completely redress into what is right before we present ourselves to God.

The world has coined the phrase "If you want to hide something from someone put it in a book", now go back and read that again because I want it to stick. In order to gain the benefits in life 2Timothy: 2:15 states "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

There is wisdom, knowledge, and understanding within God's Word that is the fortification for all we need to obtain our purpose. The Word provides strength when we are weak and nourishment to keep us strong to fight off that which could make us weak. God has placed all these things at our disposal to allow us to get to our destiny in Him.

It not by chance that you are reading these words at this time it an opportunity for clarity or redirection if you have stumbled off your intended path which He has designed exclusively for you. This is also to show you that you do matter and are very important to Him, that's why He created you for such a time as this. Call Him up he is only a prayer away and make a reconnection with Him and your destiny in Him because you still have time. He wants you to be aware of that, he say's "Here I am standing at the door knocking if you simply open it He will come in..."

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That Craving that Demands an Action

Evang. Ella J. Alexander

The word of God tells us that if we seek God early we will find him. What makes us seek God? What motivates us to do what we do? Is it love for love ones or each other? Is it that job, that bank account, that car or house? What provokes our motivation? We could even ask that question of God as to what made Him send His son to die on a cross for earth-filled sinful souls?

When we think of a craving, a strong want is felt; a desire for something. The word craving is defined as a powerful desire for something. It is not an ordinary desire that will fade away in the next second or so. When there is a craving for something it provokes an action. If we have a craving for ice cream, we will go to the freezer and get some. Now what if we don't have any in the freezer? Hmm what's next? We then will choose to go to the store to get what we want. Sometime it doesn't matter the distance in which we have to go to get it. Once we get the ice cream, we also realize that having it is not enough. We must be able to taste or eat the ice cream in order to satisfy the craving on the inside of us.

The word of God tells us to seek God. It also tells us to run the race. In order to do either we must be motivated.

Motivation is the reason or reasons one has for acting or behaving in a particular way; the general desire or willingness of someone to do something.

Above we see that motivation is the result of the craving. Without a strong desire, there will be no willingness or reason to accomplish anything. If we don't desire God, we won't seek God. If we don't desire holiness in our most inward parts, we won't pray to be transformed.

Our spiritual craving should provoke us to live the life Christ called us to live. When we want more than what people have been showing us or telling us about God; that very craving on the inside of us will demand an action from us. We will always feel empty if we don't act to bring about a result to fulfill the craving on the inside of us.

The word of God helps provoke us to pray. It gives us the desire to know God more. It gives us the desire to get closer to God. That is what we call *The crave*. Without the craving to grow, to go deeper in God, to ascend from one level to the next in God, we will be unhappy; unfulfilled. We will start looking to be filled from people, places and things.

The Word of God tells us that God has given us all things pertaining to this life and righteousness. If we have the craving, that mean we have the motivation that goes with the crave. It boils down to our performance of faith to bring it into reality. This is not just spiritual but natural. Allow me to make this live. A person craves to go and further his/her education. Motivation for a certificate, degree, or any achievement will provoke the person to go and sign up for courses. A person that wants to work and make money to take care of their bills or to have money to travel will go online and apply for jobs, or just put in the foot work to find out who is hiring. They will not wait for the job to fall in their lap, or be delivered to them in their mailbox.

What is my point? In God's right hand are blessings awaiting for us. The only way we get the blessings is that we must act on the word of God. Too many of us have procrastinated, while some put God on delay and others put him on hold. They say that they want God, but there has not been any action on their part. Where has the motivation gone? Was there any motivation on the inside of them?

Understand this. God is not far away. He is closer than you can ever imagine. He is always ready, willing and able to perform the miracle that we need. Once again, there can't be an action without the craving.

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Genesis 4:6-7

“Why are you so angry?” the Lord asked Cain. “Why do you look so dejected? You will be accepted if you do what is right. But if you refuse to do what is right, then watch out! Sin is crouching at the door, eager to control you. But you must subdue it and be its master.”

Revelation 12:7-8

Then there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon and his angels. And the dragon lost the battle, and he and his angels were forced out of heaven.

From the very beginning God is revealing that He is not a respecter of persons. The Angels who rebelled were kicked out and those obeying were left to heaven's Glory. In Genesis God explains to Cain that if he did right his sacrifice would've been welcomed. Surely we must see that God is saying let him who will, come but those who won't answer the call will miss out. In God's Eyes we are all loved but our actions of accepting Him determines our destiny. This truly teaches us that God has no "clicks" but Remnants. All are welcome- He calls- and makes it our responsibility.

But we sometimes do the opposite- we judge by titles, positions, status... sin is called a weakness instead of being dealt with because certain people might get offended. Others are shunned because they lack a certain name or position even though they walk in the will of God. What we fail to realize is because we dismiss certain things we confuse the lost or babes in Christ. They begin to see favoritism- they witness leadership being applauded even when living a lifestyle of sin. We should never deem anyone too high to hold them to the Word that says confess your sins and God will forgive. We are not to deal harshly but with love correcting each other.

The Words live righteously isn't just for those who have a little tithe to pay but it extends to your big seed sowers as well.

The welcome mat should say all are welcome. And greeters should greet all with a smile. The well dressed, the poor, and yes even the street person who hasn't learned a Christ-like living yet but will by your kindness and wisdom.

A story was once shared that a well known wealthy business owner decided to dress down one day and apply to his own company for a job to see hands on how things were being handled. He was not pleased at the abuse of the people. I dare ponder if as God watches how we treat one another if He isn't very hurt, and if He is applauding us as we lead a mapped out way for the lost

noticed that when she had left the religion that when she ran into one of the people from that religion they turned their heads and wouldn't even speak to her. Now these same people had marinated her with so called love before. As I heard this I was shocked but as I begin to notice sometimes the church world does this as well. You leave a church and the love isn't so strong any more.

Our thoughts should be we are accountable to the lost. As children look up to parents so the lost or babes look up to seasoned Christians Motives? Well let's all ask the Holy Spirit to reveal ours. I mean did you call sister Jan to really see if she is ok or just to be inquisitive (nosey) lol or maybe you checked on her just to religiously say you did. Oh Father help us out. Motives are the foundation of any action. If the foundation is rotten forget it all.

First instance you might have completed 7 good deeds this week but before you jump up and down let Holy Spirit examine the motive- the report card might not be as good as you think. Lol

But if you are reaching out with sincere love and really applying yourself then God is saying well done. It's so much to check, allow me to help us all out, think for a moment how easy it is to smile and greet someone and yet think a negative thought at the same time.

Also lets ask ourselves would we do the same good job if no one was watching, if the pastor didn't give us a shout out, or if no bonus was coming? Whatever we do let's do well unto God so that the lost that's watching us can find their way to the altar.

Okay here is a very deep one, when the pastor opens the altar call are you at your seat praying as well or thinking about the roast in the oven at home. Are you judging why sister sue is at the altar so much? Are you trying to get that married person's hug every Sunday for the wrong reason? You see all of this is hidden from man for a minute but never from God. Remember the lost, the hurting, the babes.... are depending on us and God holds us accountable.





As we stand full accountable to strive to live a life of excellence may we become the spiritual water faucets- hoses- and water towers to refresh the hurting- and bring the lost to Christ. One of the first things that people do when finding someone in the desert is give water. Let's us become those reservoirs to the dry bones that they may live and live abundantly. Live not just exist. But if your faucet is giving out muddy water (A lifeless prayer life, a gossiping tongue ECT) In the natural nothing, not even iced country tea takes the need and thirst of water away. Even more so in the spirit "Life Giving Water" has no rivals. Let us spend quality time in His Presence and drink up of the Living water that we can water the gardens of others.

One of the greatest things that God has done for man is:

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Understanding & Embracing Trans-formative Thinking to Come Forth in Christ

Dr. Claude A. Dangerfield II

The Bible is informative and impactful when the knowledge and understanding is applied that brings about real change. Transformation is about a change of mindset as well as direction enabling us to obtain a totally different path and trajectory into the future. What once use to be the motive behind our actions has now evolve from a different understanding and the outcome becomes growth. The greatest attribute from all of this is self-awareness and the ability to see God's hand in the making of the new you. No longer bound no more chains holding me.

This transition has the potential for many growth spurts which can cause one to move from the so called back of the class to the front because of our thirst for wisdom, knowledge and a deeper understanding. For we have come to understand that no longer will a little dab do. Having the consensus of just enough to get by comes with no guarantees. As well as offers no sure assurances, but pure deceptions dressed up in heart ache when the true reality check is directly in front of you and it is now too late.

When we have a true thirst for the Word of God is not enough just to get a weekly happy meal and move on. We have true hunger pains that needs to be satisfy by the meat of the word and no longer milk. We crave nutrients that will manifest in our overwhelming desire for growth. That when the table is set to feast on the Word we will do everything in our power to be present. We are not interested in low carbs or microwavable for quickness. We desire great preparation to provide a fulfill meal where we seat around allowing our meal to digest, therefore fulfilling our original desire. The more understanding that we obtain fuels desire in others to share in the delight of this same found wisdom. It because contagious when it's real and there is always room at the table when the feast is being feed.

During our transiting the more hungry we are will require that we search out more we are never quite content with the norm. We also seek out others who have that same drive and desire which seems peculiar to most, but we soon learn and understand that we are a part of the raiment who seeks to be more like Him and do His will. There is nothing wrong with being different as long as God receive the glory. I all that we do we must bear witness to His will for our lives.

What I enjoy most is the opportunity to prove with my life and lifestyle that Jesus is so real and His presence is evident in my life. Through my speech even in what might appear to others as a difficult time, my relationship with Him show trust as I stand on faith to believe in a greater outcome. For when it manifest and it will, it will cause others too believe also and formulate their relationships with father. His instruction to love thy neighbor as thyself has the greatest impact on people today. The best thing is when it can be realize without a crisis taken place and it is genuine. Being the one who demonstrates this love towards another there is no greater feeling of fulfillment to render obedience.

We have to live outside of traditions, passed down from generation to generation as norms by thinking and acting outside the box to fulfill true purpose. Once we have obtained trans-formative thinking God can use in so many ways due our willingness to be obedient. As well as the ability to recognize and walk in His grace to do our assignment that others will be blessed.

Have you come to the understanding and are you willing to embrace trans-formative thinking placing others even before yourself that they too can benefit with a relationship with the father.



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God's Motive Is Clear

Dr. Claude A. Dangerfield II

Today we live in a climate of various changes some good and others challenging. That which we had come accustomed to have swiftly changed some to our liking and others to our dismay. Things we could always count on have become so far removed that we cannot even recognize them. One thing, in particular, is integrity. That which at one time was a notable trait. Now we view everything with the lens that seeks out motives and agendas first. Which makes everything suspect even when you have good intentions. How did we get this way? For one deception has taken the place of honest integrity. Motive and agenda are now suspects in everything that is done. Even within the household of Faith.

With everything that we hear and see in our society and now what we are witnessing coming even from the church, it gives us pulse. Churches have become more commercialized in some regards, more about personalities and entertainment with less and less focus on God and spiritual growth. It's all about the quickness of the worship message and collecting a large offering. These have been some of the complaints that this writer has heard. However, my question would be, how come you haven't gone somewhere else that meets your spiritual needs and helps you to connect more with Christ. A common answer is this is our family church where I grew up I have always been here.

Honestly, God gives us freedom of choice and if we have the type of relationship where we confide in our Heavenly Father he will lead you to the place where your desires are meant and the growth you seek will be fulfilled. Our complacency has nothing to do with anyone but ourselves. We do however need to pay attention to the atmosphere and environments that we plant ourselves in. Building our relationship with Christ is of the utmost importance and when we apply all of the necessary attributes that are conducive to building a strong relationship with God. First repentance allowing us to formulate a life of humility which is true strength. Prayer our best form of communicating with God and studying God's Word which enables us to have a greater understanding of Him, His nature, and, wisdom. Which provides a deeper knowledge and greater understanding providing a direct look at our own potential and purpose. This should be our own personal motive and agenda in life.

We cannot always understand people's motives when it comes to interacting with us. For some, they may recognize your gifts and talents and formulate ways to attach themselves to you for the purpose of manipulation. Now say but God will always allow you to discern when you have that established relationship with Him, where he will make a way of escape for you. It is so very important that you and I refrain from being distracted to the point of becoming disconnected. I have been fortunate to recognize traps that have tried to appear to try and abort the path that has been set before me. It is by His grace and love for me that I have not been devoured.

We use to sing a song "Hold to His hand, God's unchanging hand build your hope on things eternal hold to God's unchanging hand" Passages of scriptures like that found within the 23 Psalms "Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil for thou art with me. Thy rod and staff they shall comfort me" These are nuggets that provide comfort. We have to remember just like God spoke to Jeremiah saying "Before I formed you in the belly; I knew thee..." God is establishing his motive and intent, by stating the fact that there was already a relationship in existence. What was taking place was that he had been selected to be placed in another environment an assignment if you will for the Kingdom. We have been selected for a

time like this because we have been found worthy of the assignment. He also spelled out His agenda for us in Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the thoughts I think towards you saith the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil to give you an expected end. That speaks loudly to His intent leaving no gray areas to consider.

When we truly have that strong relationship we are more able to understand predestination with God. God is the creator of us all which goes to show that we were purposely created. Lack of a relationship and focus will place us on an undesired path. So in all thy ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your path.

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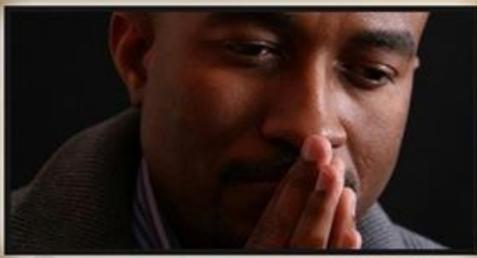
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By Elder Diane Harvell

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This topic really challenged me because before I considered its overall meaning I had to deal with what it means to me on a personal level. I had to stop and consider my own motives as to why I do anything. What is my motive for decisions I make, for the ministry I serve, the life that I live, and how I treat others.

The conclusion of the matter is that before I can make complete and concrete decisions, or serve anyone or serve on any ministry accurately, or love effectively, I must first have the love of God and His Integrity. Integrity is simply truth within self. And I must admit I have fallen short within all.

Meaning:

There is a conflict between the spirit and the flesh. There is a constant war going on between the two. As we press towards perfection, **Philippians 3:14**-“**I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus**”, our new nature or our new mind does not want to sin yet our old nature the old man, doesn't want to commit a good deed either. As hard as this may be to accept, it is true. This is one reason Paul also wrote, “O wretched man that I am, who shall deliver me!” And, “I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord!”

So as much as we'd like to think of ourselves as “holy” and “righteous”, we remain in this old man, this fleshly body which conflicts with the spirit of Christ. So I believe every so often, we should check our motives in everything that we do. Paul, (as Saul), initial motive was to persecute the Lords church, women and men, hauling them to prison and the clothes of the martyred deacon Stephen, were brought to Saul's feet by those who had stoned him as Saul would be the witness that Stephen was dead and his clothes were given to the Sanhedrin as a trophy. But after his conversion on the road to Damascus Saul changed his name to Paul and his new motive to do the will of God came from within a pure and converted heart.

Paul's new motive was to preach and spread the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to the Jews and the Gentiles and to kings about how Jesus Christ had rose again on the third day for the remission of our sins. Although Paul was well aware of his short comings he didn't offer them as an excuse to sin, he used them as a testimony to “press” on with impact and accountability and to complete his assignment.

Like Paul, we are perfectly equipped to spread the gospel of Christ, but only after complete conversion has taken place within because we too have been known to live outside of the will of God. But after conversion, we should be able to tell anyone how and why we believe in Jesus Christ and how He has delivered us from sin and given us new inspiration!

I Peter 3:15-But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts; and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

For me, one day God's love drew me to a place of truth that I will never deny and will never forget and that truth was simple, that He loves me no matter what I had done or what I had been through~**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."**

God's motive is very clear to us, He gave all He had, and He died for us. Yet our motives sometimes (in my opinion) can be acrimonious, whether to ourselves or to others.

So I had to learn, that my motive is to please God and that my love for God should override anything that would not please Him or that is not like Him. My passion is the assignment He has given me and that is to help the hurting and dying soul and to let them know, they too can be healed and delivered because he healed and delivered me.

I am a new creature in Christ, It is not my desire to have an outward show of righteousness but inwardly my motives and priorities fall short and are hollow. My Pastor, Bishop Gloria J. Lewis has taught me in **SOMC (School of Ministerial Concepts)**, that **Ethos, Pathos and Logos** are three very important Greek terms used to persuade an audience but **Ethos** is the most important because basically it is what others think of you. I never forgot this valuable lesson because it taught me what love and integrity is.

I Corinthians 13:2b, "and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not love, I am nothing."

God is Love, He is my Lord and Savior, and He is my Motivator. In Him I am able to love effectively, I am able to serve respectfully, and I am whole.

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Motive-Choices

Dr. Claude A. Dangerfield II

This month's topic is around Motive and Choices and it is an interesting conversation with many viewpoints. The condition of the Modern Day Church vs what has been viewed as the Tradition Church. In most of those conversation God and Jesus are not in the forefront but what is talked about are the attributes, to that my question is where is the Salvation message. There are still a great many Church whose focus is solely on that most important conversation as well as the follow-up ones that led to expanding growth and relationship building with God and Jesus our Lord and Savior.

But to the Traditional Church called by some is more focus on the rituals and the generational routines of attending church at the 11 o'clock hour, singing hymns, collecting (dues) offering and going home to repeat the same action next week. This become hard for the younger generation because they can't seem to understand the significant of establishing a relationship with Christ. So they just continue to go along. The Modern Day Church tends to have a different approach which is to work the middle ground in order not to offend or appear to judge. In some cases it's an overwhelming blend of the things that are done in the world that are acceptable inside the church. This lends to the questions regarding yield our will to His will and sanctification.

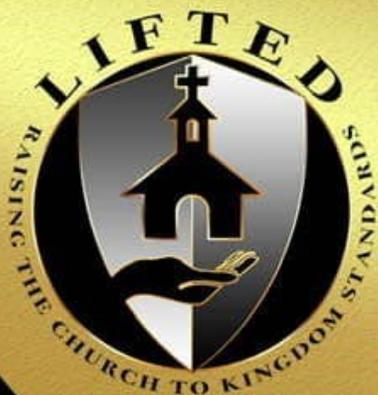
Then there is the Spirit-filled Church that seeks to do and learn the will of the Father and is eager for the transformation to take place in our life. Thirsting for wisdom, knowledge and understanding, embracing the truth from the Word of God. Eagerness to put their hand to the service of Kingdom Building in various capacity as their gifting comes forth. For they truly have made the choice to serve God.

Talking with people has provide this knowledge on the three general classification that people are giving the church. Gaining an understanding of the various truths that people are expressing with regards to their respective houses of worship. The sad thing that has come out of this is when you hear some spend more time judging denominations rather that speaking on the relationship one has with Christ and the great fulfillment from because of it. It goes to understanding the tactics being used of divide and conquer. For the more the church is at odds the less the presence of unity as well as the limited strength when it come to our resistance to the enemy of our souls.

We have to remember that our focus should be on the risen and redemptive Savior Jesus Christ. We should be able to seat down and study the Word of God and share our experience and strength one another thru our testimonies. Not focus on antics that can be seen in some places, but setting our minds on the repentance and the redemptive nature of Christ Jesus for our souls.

What is our true Motive for serving God, God forbid that our motivation has to with status or titles. But genuine love for our fellow man. God forbid it's not about who can hop or sing the best. For that diminishes true worship and it takes the focus off the redemptive word. Because our focus is on abilities which has nothing to do with life changing revelation especially when no one remembers the message that went forth. Or the healing that can be derived through worship songs that touch ones very soul and even that of a sincere and humble prayer which has nothing to with personality.

Remember to always focus on our relationship with God and remain humble at all cost. When we stand before God titles, degrees and position will not be a part of the conversation, it will be a heart thing because we seek to please because we love Him because we love Him. He will remember us due to our personal intimate relationship with Him whereby we demonstrate, humility, faith and obedience.



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Understanding the is always room for improvement.

Endurance is the making of strength

Learning to listen helps one learn to love.

Reasonable expectation (Not requiring more of others than your willing to do yourself)

Benefits of forgiveness.

There is always a way uncover your God given potential

When you learn to understand yourself than you can cherish others the more

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SCRIPTURE OF THE DAY

Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth? says the LORD:
shall I cause to bring forth, and shut the womb? says your God.

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