

The Importance of Motivation and Motives

Assignment: Read 2 Corinthians 5:1-21

Outline:

I. Future Factors Affecting Today's Motives (2 Corinthians 5:1-11)

New Body (2 Cor. 5:1-8)

Judgment (2 Cor. 5:9-11)

II. Present and Past Factors (2 Corinthians 5:12-21)

Divine Love (2 Cor. 5:12-16)

New Standing (2 Cor. 5:17)

Reconciliation and Justification (2 Cor. 5:18-21)

Starter Questions

1. How did God speak to you through this passage?
2. What questions came to mind as you read this passage?
3. How is my life going to be different from reading this passage?

Potential Discussion Questions

1. How do you feel about life and death? What do you think is your responsibility toward God for the health and maintenance of your body (the earthly house in which the Holy Spirit tabernacles)?
2. How does the fear of the Lord impact you life, your conduct, your choices, and your service for Christ?
3. How does the fact that Christ loves you affect the way you treat others – at home, at work, in the community, on the highway? How and why does the love of Christ motivate you? Give specific examples.
4. Why is a life of selfless service for Christ the only reasonable response a believer can make? What characterizes a life of selfless service?
5. What are some worldly standards by which people are sometimes judged? Why shouldn't we regard others by worldly standards? How should we evaluate others?
6. What responsibilities does a child of God have as a "new creature"?
7. What should characterize the life and conduct of a faithful ambassador to a foreign country?
8. How can a Christian be a faithful representative of the Lord of lords today? What kind of life do we owe the Lord?

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