

EVANGELISM 101 - PART 1

WE MUST GET MOTIVATED

- ◆ “Motivation is an inner drive, an idea captured in the imagination.”
- ◆ “Motivation can be harnessed to an intense drive toward a goal.”
- ◆ “Men and women who are motivated push themselves forward, plow through the inevitable setbacks, heading ever onward to their dreams.”
- ◆ “Motivation is essential to succeeding in any endeavor you try.”

WHAT SHOULD BE OUR MOTIVATION IN EVANGELISM

1 Peter 2:21

21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:

THE FIVE THINGS THAT MOTIVATED JESUS

1. COMPASSION FOR SOULS

Matthew 9:35-36

35 And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

36 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

Matthew 14:14

14 And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.

Matthew 15:32

32 Then Jesus called his disciples unto him, and said, I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and have nothing to eat: and I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way.

SUCH COMPASSION CAUSED HIM TO DO SOMETHING

Matthew 9:37-38 (PRAYED FOR LABOURERS)

37 Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few;

38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

Matthew 10:1,5-7 (SENT SOME OUT)

1 And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

5 These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not:

6 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

7 And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.

WE MUST LET GOD TEACH US HOW TO LOVE

1 Thessalonians 4:9

9 But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another.

1 John 3:16-17

16 Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

17 But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

2. A SENSE OF PURPOSE

John 4:27-34 (DOING THE FATHER'S WILL)

27 And upon this came his disciples, and marvelled that he talked with the woman: yet no man said, What seekest thou? or, Why talkest thou with her?

28 The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men,

29 Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?

30 Then they went out of the city, and came unto him.

31 In the mean while his disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eat.

32 But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of.

33 Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him ought to eat?

34 Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

Luke 19:10 (SEEK AND SAVE THE LOST)

10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

WE MUST LET THE WORD OF GOD SET OUR PURPOSE FOR LIFE

Matthew 6:33 (SEEK THE KINGDOM)

33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

1 Peter 2:9-10

9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

10 Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

3. THE LOVE OF THE FATHER

John 15:9

9 As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

John 14:21,23

21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

WE MUST BECOME DOERS OF THE WORD TO EXPERIENCE THE LOVE OR MANIFESTATION OF THE FATHER

2 Timothy 2:15

15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

James 1:25

25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

4. THE TERROR OF THE LORD

Mark 9:43-48

43 And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched:

44 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

45 And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched:

46 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

47 And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire:

48 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

Revelation 20:12-15

12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

WE MUST BE CONSCIENTIOUS OF THE COMING JUDGEMENT

2 Corinthians 5:11

11 Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.

5. THE JOY SET BEFORE HIM

Hebrews 12:2

2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Revelation 7:13-17 (WHAT'S SET BEFORE US)

13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15 Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

1 Thessalonians 2:19-20 (FOR THOSE WE REACH)

19 For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming?

20 For ye are our glory and joy.

CONCLUSION

The ability to press on...this is the **value** of proper motivation. Remember our earlier definition of motivation?

"Men and women who are motivated push themselves forward, plow through the inevitable setbacks, heading ever onward to their dreams."

Such was case with our Lord...He fulfilled His goals, being motivated by:

- ♦ **Compassion for lost souls**
- ♦ **A strong sense of purpose**
- ♦ **The love of the Father**
- ♦ **The terror of the Lord**
- ♦ **The joy set before Him**

Since Jesus is the **author** and **finisher** of our faith (**He 12:2**), we should be "looking unto Jesus" for the motivation we need to do His will. We should "consider Him" (**He 12:3**), lest we become weary and discouraged in doing God's will. The early church looked to Jesus, and found the motivation necessary to grow as they did. We can do the same today! It should be apparent by now that **the key** to developing and strengthening the proper motivation is to let the Word of God have its intended effect upon us. But if Christians are not daily reading, studying, and meditating upon the Word of God, **then how can we ever hope to stay motivated like Jesus, Paul and the early church were?**

If we **do** read, study, and meditate upon the Word of God, then we will be like **Jeremiah**...who at first might have made excuses (**Jer 1:6**), but as he fed upon the Word found great joy (**Jer 15:16**). So much so, that when ridiculed for speaking, he first tried to refrain, but found that he just couldn't keep it in (**Jer 20:7-9**)!

May we also allow God's Word and the example of Jesus to motivate us in evangelizing the lost!