

Motivation – Part 1: Where Will I Invest My Life

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I. Introduction.

- A. Two things will last forever: the Word of God and the human soul. (Luke 21:33)
- B. For our lives to have eternal meaning, we need to invest our lives in these. (Matthew 28:19-20)
 - 1. Winning the lost.
 - 2. Making disciples.

II. Saving the world depends on multiplication and not addition.

III. To be a multiplier we must be motivators.

- A. Motivation is important because God uses people in the lives of others to accomplish his purposes.
- B. God builds motivation in the lives of other people. We are not alone. (Philippians 4:19)
- C. God's desire is for every believer to become more like Jesus. (Romans 8:29; Ephesians 4:13; 1 Thessalonians 5:18; Isaiah 30:21; Proverbs 27:17)
- D. Motivation is always a two-way street.
- E. Motivation comes from needs and convictions. (Acts 20:24; 5:29; 12; Mark 2)
- F. Goals motivate people. Paul's goal was to know Christ more intimately. (Philippians 3:10; Colossians 1:28-29)
- G. We need a motivating mindset.
 - 1. We need the right attitude which must be grounded in our belief in the infinite worth of people.
 - 2. We must believe in the limitless potential of every individual.
 - 3. We need tenacity. (John 13:1)
 - 4. We must never give up on people. (Matthew 26)
- H. We need to be involved personally. (1 Thessalonians 2:7-8)

- I. We need to build convictions in their lives.
- J. We need to meet the needs of people, whether real or felt.
- K. We need to take away emotional road blocks. (John 5)
- L. We need to help people set worthy goals. (Philippians 4:9)
- M. We need to have a game plan.
- N. We must set fair standards.
- O. We must let them know we care. (1 Corinthians 13; 2 Corinthians 13:7-9)
- P. We need to express confidence in them. (Acts 20:32)
- Q. We need to create needs in them. (Mark 4; John 4)
- R. We need to develop a sense reward and punishment. (James 1:12; Revelation 3:19; Hebrews 12:6)
- S. We need to equip them to do the job. (Jeremiah 1; Exodus 4:4)
- T. We need to be fair, impartial and consistent. Every person needs to be given some latitude. (Psalm 106:3; Romans 14:12; Matthew 14:15-16)
- U. We need to know the state of our people and be enthusiastic about what they are. (Proverbs 12:25; 2 Corinthians 7:3; 1:5; Matthew 26:40; 2 Timothy 4:10)
- V. We need to be a consistent example. (1 Corinthians 11:1)

IV. What keeps us from doing the job.

- A. A lack of concern. (Philippians 2:3-4)
- B. A lack of personal contact. (Mark 15:36)
- C. A lack of listening. (Proverbs 18:13; James 1:19)
- D. A lack of thinking and planning. (Proverbs 21:28; 11:13; 16:9)
- E. A lack of prayer. (1 Thessalonians 5:25; 2 Thessalonians 3:1; Romans 15:30)

V. Progress measures motivation.

VI. Our lives should show progress in order to motivate others. (Proverbs 20:27; 1 Timothy 4:15)

Application questions:

1. What is the relationship between multiplication and motivation?

2. Which tip for motivation did you find to be the most helpful?

3. What is keeping you from being a better motivator? Explain.
