

## **The believers' motivations**

**THE BIG QUESTION:** What should be the Christian's motivation?

**NOTE:** 1. Your motivation reveals what is in your heart.  
2. The information you receive determines your motivation.

**A. A Christian's motivations are totally different from an unbeliever's motivations**

**1. Christians do not live for themselves, they live for their master Jesus.**

**2 Corinthians 5:15**

**15** and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

**2. Christians do not live for worldly values and possessions, they live for eternal values.**

**2 Corinthians 4:18**

**18** as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

**B. WHAT SHOULD MOTIVATE ANYONE WHO CLAIMS TO BE A FOLLOWER OF CHRIST?**

**1. You must be motivated by your love for God.**

**John 14:15**

**15** "If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

**2 Corinthians 5:14**

**14** For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died;

**2. You must be motivated by your love for others.**

**1 Corinthians 16:14**

**14** Let all that you do be done in love.

**Hebrews 13:16**

**16** Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

**Philippians 2:4**

**4** Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

**Galatians 6:2**

**2** Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

**3. You must be motivated by your desire to please God.**

**1 Thessalonians 4:1**

**4** Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more.

**Galatians 1:10**

**10** For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.

**John 8:29**

**29** And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him.”

**4. You must be motivated by your desire to see God's will come to pass.**

**Mathew 6:10**

**10** Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

**Mathew 26:42**

**42** Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.”

**5. You must be motivated by your desire to glorify God.**

**1 Corinthians 10:31**

**31** So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

**Romans 11:36**

**36** For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

**Colossians 3:23-24**

**23** Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men,

**24** knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

**6. You must be motivated by a deep desire to obey God.**

**Joshua 1:8**

**8** This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

**1 Samuel 15:22**

**22** And Samuel said, "Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams.

**James 1:22**

**22** But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

**7 You must be motivated by your gratitude to God for all that he has done for you.**

**Romans 12:1**

**12** I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

### **Psalm 116:12-14**

**12** What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits to me?

**13** I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,

**14** I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

**8. You must be motivated by your faith in God and His word.**

### **James 1:2-4**

**2** Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds,

**3** for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.

**4** And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

### **2 Corinthians 5:7**

**7** for we walk by faith, not by sight.

**9. You must be motivated by your believe and hope of the return of Jesus.**

### **1 Thessalonians 5:4-6**

**4** But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief.

**5** For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness.

**6** So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.

### **Ephesians 4:1**

**4** I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called,

**10. You must be motivated by the desire to see God's kingdom flourish.**

### **Habakkuk 2:14**

**14** For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

**Mathew 6:33**

**33** But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

**Revelation 11:15**

**15** Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever."