

THE IMPORTANCE OF MOTIVE

The Power of WHY?

INTERACTIVE OUTLINE

Sunday Morning Feb 11, 2018
Scripture reading: I Sam 16:7

Time: 10:30 a.m.
Speaker: Brent Hunter



INTRODUCTION:

- A. Jesus says: "Blessed are the **p**_____ in heart" (Matt 5:8).
- B. God sees not as man sees... the Lord looks at the heart (I Sam 16:7).

I. THE IMPORTANCE OF MOTIVE

- A. God says our *motive* determines whether our **g**_____ deeds are acceptable to Him or not (Matt 6, I Cor 13).
- B. In human relationships it determines whether bad deeds are *tolerable*. Did you intend to hurt or was it an accident?

II. THE DEFINITION OF MOTIVE

- A. The Greek word has the same root as the word *emotion*.
- B. Literally means: "That which **c**_____ us to act."

III. WHAT JESUS IS AND IS NOT TEACHING IN MATTHEW 6.

- A. Jesus is not warning about idleness, overly aggressive discipleship, or others seeing your good works (Matt 5:16, I Pet 1:3).
- B. Jesus is warning about **m**_____.
 1. "Beware of practicing your righteousness before men *to be noticed* by them, otherwise you have **n**_reward" (Matt 6:1).
 2. Key: **The motive determines the quality of the deed.**

IV. PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS: (Keep your heart with diligence)

- A. No service is good if it springs from a **s**_____ motive (Mt 26:49).
- B. An act can be **u**_____, yet not good (2 Cor 9:7).
- C. Can be useful in the kingdom, yet not in the kingdom at all (Phil 1:15-18).

Conclusion:

What is *your* primary motivation for serving God (Jn 14:15)?

NOTES

SCRAMBLED ANSWERS:

motive
useful
sordid
no
good
pure
causes