



**EPISODE 8 - U AND  
YOUR MOTIVATION**

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# HOW TO MONITOR YOUR MOTIVES...

- **BUT THE WORDS YOU SPEAK COME FROM THE HEART-THAT'S WHAT DEFILES YOU. MATTHEW 15:18 NLT**
- **GUARD YOUR HEART ABOVE ALL ELSE, FOR IT DETERMINES THE COURSE OF YOUR LIFE. PROVERBS 4:23 NLT**
- **SEARCH ME, O GOD, AND KNOW MY HEART; TEST ME AND KNOW MY ANXIOUS THOUGHTS. PSALM 139:23 NLT**
- **CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART, O GOD. RENEW A LOYAL SPIRIT WITHIN ME. PSALM. 51:10 NLT**
- **BUT I, THE LORD, SEARCH ALL HEARTS AND EXAMINE SECRET MOTIVES. I GIVE ALL PEOPLE THEIR DUE REWARDS, ACCORDING TO WHAT THEIR ACTIONS DESERVE." JEREMIAH. 17:10 NLT**

## 1. DON'T BE \_\_\_\_\_ FOR \_\_\_\_\_.

**THEN JESUS TOLD THIS STORY TO SOME WHO HAD GREAT CONFIDENCE IN THEIR OWN RIGHTEOUSNESS AND SCORNEED EVERYONE ELSE: "TWO MEN WENT TO THE TEMPLE TO PRAY. ONE WAS A PHARISEE, AND THE OTHER WAS A DESPISED TAX COLLECTOR. THE PHARISEE STOOD BY HIMSELF AND PRAYED THIS PRAYER: 'I THANK YOU, GOD, THAT I AM NOT LIKE OTHER PEOPLE-CHEATERS, SINNERS, ADULTERERS. I'M CERTAINLY NOT LIKE THAT TAX COLLECTOR! I FAST TWICE A WEEK, AND I GIVE YOU A TENTH OF MY INCOME.' "BUT THE TAX COLLECTOR STOOD AT A DISTANCE AND DARED NOT EVEN LIFT HIS EYES TO HEAVEN AS HE PRAYED. INSTEAD, HE BEAT HIS CHEST IN SORROW, SAYING, 'O GOD, BE MERCIFUL TO ME, FOR I AM A SINNER.' I TELL YOU, THIS SINNER, NOT THE PHARISEE, RETURNED HOME JUSTIFIED BEFORE GOD. FOR THOSE WHO EXALT THEMSELVES WILL BE HUMBLLED, AND THOSE WHO HUMBLE THEMSELVES WILL BE EXALTED." LUKE 18:9-14 NLT**

## 2. DON'T BE \_\_\_\_\_ FOR \_\_\_\_\_.

**"WATCH OUT! DON'T DO YOUR GOOD DEEDS PUBLICLY, TO BE ADMIRIED BY OTHERS, FOR YOU WILL LOSE THE REWARD FROM YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN. WHEN YOU GIVE TO SOMEONE IN NEED, DON'T DO AS THE HYPOCRITES DO-BLOWING TRUMPETS IN THE SYNAGOGUES AND STREETS TO CALL ATTENTION TO THEIR ACTS OF CHARITY! I TELL YOU THE TRUTH, THEY HAVE RECEIVED ALL THE REWARD THEY WILL EVER GET. BUT WHEN YOU GIVE TO SOMEONE IN NEED, DON'T LET YOUR LEFT HAND KNOW WHAT YOUR RIGHT HAND IS DOING. GIVE YOUR GIFTS IN PRIVATE, AND YOUR FATHER, WHO SEES EVERYTHING, WILL REWARD YOU. MATTHEW 6:1-4 NLT**

**3. BE \_\_\_\_\_ FOR THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_  
AND \_\_\_\_\_.**

**THEN, CALLING THE CROWD TO JOIN HIS DISCIPLES, HE SAID, "IF ANY OF YOU WANTS TO BE MY FOLLOWER, YOU MUST GIVE UP YOUR OWN WAY, TAKE UP YOUR CROSS, AND FOLLOW ME. IF YOU TRY TO HANG ON TO YOUR LIFE, YOU WILL LOSE IT. BUT IF YOU GIVE UP YOUR LIFE FOR MY SAKE AND FOR THE SAKE OF THE GOOD NEWS, YOU WILL SAVE IT." MARK 8:34-35 NLT**

**SO WE ARE CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS; GOD IS MAKING HIS APPEAL THROUGH US. WE SPEAK FOR CHRIST WHEN WE PLEAD, "COME BACK TO GOD!" 2 CORINTHIANS 5:20 NLT**

## **SO WHAT?**

**AND SO, DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, I PLEAD WITH YOU TO GIVE YOUR BODIES TO GOD BECAUSE OF ALL HE HAS DONE FOR YOU. LET THEM BE A LIVING AND HOLY SACRIFICE- THE KIND HE WILL FIND ACCEPTABLE. THIS IS TRULY THE WAY TO WORSHIP HIM.  
ROMANS 12:1 NLT**

**BE \_\_\_\_\_, BUT \_\_\_\_\_ BE \_\_\_\_\_ FOR  
\_\_\_\_\_.**

# **HOMEWORK**

- 1. HOW OFTEN DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE "WHY" BEHIND THE THINGS YOU DO?**
- 2. IS IT POSSIBLE TO BE OBEDIENT TO GOD'S WORD, BUT HAVE THE WRONG MOTIVES?**
- 3. WHY DOES GOD SEEM TO BE SO CONCERNED WITH THE MOTIVES BEHIND OUR ACTIONS?**
- 4. ARE THERE TIMES WHEN YOU ARE OBEDIENT TO GOD'S WORD FOR THE WRONG REASONS? EXPLAIN.**
- 5. HOW CAN WE KNOW IF OUR MOTIVES FOR OBEDIENCE ARE WRONG?**
- 6. WHAT STEPS WILL YOU TAKE TO EVALUATE AND CORRECT WRONG MOTIVES?**
- 7. IN WHAT WAYS CAN YOU HELP EACH OTHER CELEBRATE MOTIVES FOCUSED ON THE GOSPEL AND OTHERS?**

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