

SERMON NOTES

A SUFFICIENT MOTIVATION

2 Corinthians 5:11-16



BIG IDEA: A Christian's life and ministry should be motivated by the fear of the Lord and the love of Christ.

APPLICATION GUIDE

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DISCUSS

What motives should drive a Christian's life and ministry?

What are some ulterior motives we may battle?

How can unbiblical motives affect the church's ability to persuade others of Christ's love?

APPLY

Think of a situation you're facing and evaluate your motives for why you do what you do.

- Who am I aiming to please? God, others, or myself?
- Am I striving for personal holiness or personal comfort?
- Am I more concerned with what God thinks or with what others think?
- Am I focused on external matters or the internal matters of the heart?
- Am I being controlled by the love of the world or by the love of Christ?

Which of these questions did you find most helpful? Explain why.

What needs to change in your thinking or attitudes for your motives to conform to the fear of God and the love of Christ?

COMMIT

Read Psalm 86:11-13 and make this your prayer this week.