



Lord of Our Motives
Jesus: Lord of All – Part 6
Luke 11:14-54

In our study of the Life of Christ, we come to a passage that deals with our motives. Why are we kind to people? Is it for their benefit or ours? Are we seeking to help them or manipulate them? Why do we do the things we do at work? Why do we do the things we do in the community? Why do we live moral lives? Is it because we genuinely want to please God or because we're afraid not to? In Luke 11, when Jesus' motives were questioned, he ended up exposing the hypocrisy of his accusers. Let's study this passage in hopes that it will result in an alignment of our motives and actions.

I. An introduction to the study of motives.

- A. There are _____ motives.
1. The highest motive for doing anything is that we love _____.
 2. The second highest motive is that we genuinely love and care for other _____.
 3. Sometimes we do what is right out of a sense of _____.
 4. Sometimes we do the right thing because of _____.
 5. Another legitimate motive is _____.
- B. Other motives can be labeled “_____” motives.
1. _____ is almost always a sinful motive.
 2. _____ is another sinful motive.
 3. _____ is always a sinful motive.
 4. _____ is an extremely sinful motive.
 5. If the highest motive in life is to love God, then the lowest motive of all is to serve _____.
- C. _____ plus _____ determines your level of righteousness.
1. A person with the right motive doing the right thing is a _____ person.
 2. A person with the wrong motive doing the right thing is a _____ or a _____.
 3. It's possible for people to have the right motive and do the wrong thing. We call these people _____ or _____.
 4. The worst is when a person has wrong motives that produce wrong behavior. We call this person simply _____ or wicked.
- D. Many times we do things with _____ motives.
- E. Our goal as we mature in Christ is to reach the point where our motives are 100% _____ and they align with our _____.

II. An exposition of the text.

- A. The Pharisees accused Jesus of _____ motives. (vv. 14-15)
- B. Jesus responded to their accusation. (vv. 17-18)
 - 1. Their accusation was _____.
 - 2. Their charges were _____-incriminating. (vv. 19-20)
 - 3. Their accusation was really an admission of his _____. (vv. 21-22)
- C. Jesus challenged their motives. (vv. 37-40)
 - 1. He confronted the Pharisees on their _____. (v. 42)
 - 2. He confronted the Pharisees on their _____. (v. 43)
 - 3. He called them _____. (v. 44)

III. Some practical suggestions.

- A. _____ your motives regularly. (1 Cor. 11:28)
- B. Determine to be _____. (2 Cor. 2:17; Lk. 12:1-3)
- C. Do the right thing _____. (Jn. 14:23-24)
- D. _____ your heart. (Lk. 11:34-36; Matt. 5:8)