



Pure Motives

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MATTHEW 6:25–34

“For this reason I say to you, do not be worried about your life, as to what you will eat or what you will drink; nor for your body, as to what you will put on. Is life not more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the sky, that they do not sow, nor reap, nor gather crops into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more important than they?”

MATTHEW 6:25–34

²⁷ And which of you by worrying can add a single day to his life's span? ²⁸ And why are you worried about clothing? Notice how the lilies of the field grow; they do not labor nor do they spin thread for cloth, ²⁹ yet I say to you that not even Solomon in all his glory clothed himself like one of these.

MATTHEW 6:25–34

³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, will He not much more clothe you? You of little faith! ³¹ Do not worry then, saying, 'What are we to eat?' or 'What are we to drink?' or 'What are we to wear for clothing?'

MATTHEW 6:25–34

³² For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be provided to you. ³⁴ “So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

QUESTION 1

Who is your King?

WHOSE KINGDOM ARE WE LIVING FOR?

- If we say we are living for God's Kingdom, then we need to learn to trust Him.
- If we are constantly driven by circumstances and anxieties, then we aren't going to be listening to God, worse, we are merely chasing the world.

JAMES 4:1-17

What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is the source not your pleasures that wage war in your body's parts? ² You lust and do not have, so you commit murder. And you are envious and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have because you do not ask. ³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask with the wrong motives, so that you may spend what you request on your pleasures.

QUESTION 2

What are your motives?

THOUGHT

If our aim in a situation is to gratify our own flesh or get our own way; we aren't seeking to glorify God and are operating out of selfish ambition.

JAMES 4:1-17

⁴ You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. ⁵ Or do you think that the Scripture says to no purpose, “He jealously desires the Spirit whom He has made to dwell in us”? ⁶ But He gives a greater grace. Therefore it says, “GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.”

JAMES 4:1-17

⁷ Submit therefore to God. But resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Come close to God and He will come close to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹ Be miserable, and mourn, and weep; let your laughter be turned into mourning, and your joy into gloom. ¹⁰ Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.

JAMES 4:1-17

¹¹ Do not speak against one another, brothers and sisters. The one who speaks against a brother or sister, or judges his brother or sister, speaks against the law and judges the law; but if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge of it. ¹² There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the One who is able to save and to destroy; but who are you, judging your neighbor?

QUESTION 3

Just who do you think you are?

JAMES 4:1-17

¹³ Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, and spend a year there and engage in business and make a profit.” ¹⁴ Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. For you are just a vapor that appears for a little while, and then vanishes away.

JAMES 4:1-17

¹⁵ Instead, you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we will live and also do this or that.” ¹⁶ But as it is, you boast in your arrogance; all such boasting is evil. ¹⁷ So for one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, for him it is sin.

THOUGHT

*If you're going to boast, make sure
you're boasting about Christ.*

2 CORINTHIANS 11:30

If I have to boast, I will boast of what pertains to my weakness.

2 CORINTHIANS 12:9

And He has said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.” Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

ECCLESIASTES 12:9–14

In addition to being wise, the Preacher also taught the people knowledge; and he pondered, searched out, and arranged many proverbs. ¹⁰ The Preacher sought to find delightful words and to write words of truth correctly.

ECCLESIASTES 12:9–14

¹¹ The words of the wise are like goads, and masters of these collections are like driven nails; they are given by one Shepherd. ¹² But beyond this, my son, be warned: the writing of many books is endless, and excessive study is wearying to the body.

ECCLESIASTES 12:9–14

¹³ The conclusion, when everything has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person. ¹⁴ For God will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil.

THOUGHT

Listen and Obey the Lord - Pray

Anchor Yourself in the Word

Be alive in the Spirit