

James 5:5 – Motives Detour

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- Motives drive our behavior.
 - Proverbs 4:23 – Watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it flow the springs of life.
 - God cares about the _____ of our actions.

COMMON MOTIVES		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pleasure ● Freedom/Autonomy ● Power ● Peace 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Love/Intimacy ● Happiness ● Comfort ● Significance/Reputation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meaning ● Respect/Admiration ● Control ● Success

- _____ sins help us see when our motives have turned sinful.

HELPFUL QUESTIONS WHEN SEARCHING YOUR MOTIVES	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What are the times when life doesn't seem worth living? ● What do you love/hate? What do you hope for/want/crave? ● What is your goal/dream/fantasy? ● What do you fear? What do you worry about? ● What do you feel you need? Where do you find refuge/comfort/pleasure/security? ● What defines success/failure for you? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● When do you say, "If only...?" ● Where do you believe that God has let you down? ● When have you struggled with bitterness/jealousy? ● What does money mean to you? ● When do you get depressed? ● What do you see as your rights or when do you get angry?

- Even if we discover our motives, we must use _____ to help us change them.
 - When our motives change, our _____ changes.

- This is when we are able to experience true, lasting change!

The purpose of considering our motives is to grow and change into a more Christlike believer.

- Ultimately, we use our idols to serve us.
 - Why might the wicked rich idolize money? What motives/desires can money temporarily fulfill for them?