Being Motivated to be God’s Person
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* John 12:25 “He that loveth his life loses it; and he that hates his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.

 John 12:26 If any man serves me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be. If any man serves me, ***him will the Father honor***.”

* Matt 6:19 “Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon the earth, where moth and rust doth consume, and where thieves break through and steal.”

 Matt 6:20 But ***lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth consume, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:***

 Matt 6:21 for where thy treasure is, there will thy heart be also.”

* Matt 6:33 “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; ***and all these things shall be added to you***.”
* Luke 18:29 “And He said to them, ‘Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house, or parents, or brothers, or wife, or children for the sake of the kingdom of God,
* Luke 18:30 **who shall not receive many times more in this *present time*, and, in the world to come everlasting life**.’”
* Matt 19:29 “And everyone who left houses, or brothers, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for My name's sake, ***shall receive a hun·dred·fold, and shall inherit everlasting life***.”

\*\*\*A hundredfold is defined as **100** times as much. Therefore, starting with $10,000 for retirement, with a hundredfold increase you would have $1,000,000 in retirement. Good return on your money.

*All the above are promises from Jesus!*

My hope/gain is always my ultimate motivation.

My hope/gain is what I see as a thing in my best interest, i.e., self-interest, it is not selfishness. I determine what I hope for and who I hope in to get that for which I hope. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1John 2:15 “Do not ***love*** the world, nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the ***love*** of the Father is not in him,

1John 2:16 because all that *is* in the world, the ***lust*** of the flesh, and the ***lust*** of the eyes, and the ***pride*** of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.”

James 4:4 “Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that the friendship of the world is enmity *with* God? Therefore, whoever desires to be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.”

Observation: If I am in love with the world, the “things” of the world will set what I hope for, ergo, what motivates me, ergo the direction I will go?

This is a major reason we drift astray.

“Drivers of human behavior: motivating factors can include achievement, advancement, autonomy, personal growth, recognition, position, responsibility, sex, money, rank, degrees.” i.e., Jeremiah 9:23.

God give us an alternative motivation to walk the walk and talk the talk and finish strong.

The world spends money and time to get us to do their “thing”. The question is, does God in His Word have a motivation scheme to keep us on God’s course?

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Below are at least three of God’s motivating schemes to keep us on course. I propose for your thinking the following three motivators:

1. **His Love:**
* John 3:16 “For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

 I normally move towards and serve those who love me.

 \*But love alone is not a sustaining motivator.

1. **Fear of Him:**
* 2 Cor 7:1 “Having therefore these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.”
* 1Cor 3:15 “If anyone's work shall be burned up, he shall suffer loss. But he shall be saved, yet so as by fire.”

 Observation: I have observed that the Christian community is saying we don’t have to fear God because he loves us. This is heresy. God is love and He will judge both the believer and non- believer.

 Fear of consequence at our judgment from God should keep us from bending to temptation.

 \*But fear alone is not a sustaining motivator.

1. **Rewards:**
* 1Cor 3:13 “Each one's work shall be revealed. For the Day shall declare *it*, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try each one's work as to what kind it is.
* 1Cor 3:14 If anyone's work which he built remains, he shall receive a reward.”
* Rev 22:12 “And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward *is* with Me, to give to each according as his work.”

Rewards are noted 34 times in the New Testament.

\*Rewards get close to be a sustaining factor.

\*\*Can these motivators compete with the world to motivate you to be Jesus’ person?

3 John 1:4 “I have no greater joy than these things, to hear that my children walk in the truth. Apply and obey."

Application: Answer these and respond.

1. Do I know my giftedness and how I am designed to serve God? If so, what is it and am I focused on using it for God now?
2. Do I know my purpose from God for this life?
3. How much time do I spend serving God with my gifts?
4. Have I surrounded myself with those who are committed to serving God while on earth” Or, are they just my social sidekicks?
5. Am I storing up treasures, i.e., rewards, in heaven or just on earth?
6. Am I ready for my Judgment Day?
7. Am I one of the three soils, i.e., Luke 8:4-9, that produced no product?

So, what is your application???