

Why Do You Do What You Do With Your Time?

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The sermon emphasizes the importance of understanding our motives and living a life driven by love and a desire to please God.

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Scripture: Romans 14:21, 1 Corinthians 9:22, 1 Corinthians 10:31, 1 Corinthians 16:14, Galatians 5:16, Colossians 3:17, 1 Peter 3:3-4, 1 John 4:7

Topics: "Christian Living", "Godly Motives"

Description

This sermon emphasizes the importance of examining our motives in all aspects of life, including how we dress, use our time, spend money, and make decisions. It challenges listeners to align their actions with God's Word and to ensure that their motives are driven by a desire to glorify God and love others, rather than by worldly desires or selfish pleasures. The message encourages a lifestyle of thoughtful consideration and intentional choices that reflect a heart devoted to God.

Transcript

What I'm asking you to do is think. Please, think. Why do you do what you do? Why do you dress the way you dress? Why do you use the jewelry you use? Why do you do what you do with your money? Why do you do what you do with your time? Why do you watch what you watch on television, or at the movies, or on the computer? Why do you do what you do on the computer? Do you have God-glorifying reasons for all of it? Do you live in that faith, believing what I am doing is glorifying God? Because whatsoever is not a faith is sin.

Whatsoever you do, whether you eat or drink, you are to do it for the glory of God. We need to be people who think. Don't just do it because other people at school do it.

Don't just do it because other people at work do it. The worldly system is everywhere around us. Do what you do because you can substantiate it from the Word of God.

Period. Are your motives deceitful desire, worldly desire, desire that wages war against your flesh or against your soul driven? Are they driven by those passions? Or is it driven by a desire to please God? That's what we have to ask ourselves. What is the motive? Well, I dress this way because I want to get this guy's attention.

I hope you would see what the motive is. When the Bible says, if you want to get a guy's attention, the kind of guy's attention that you probably ought to be trying to get, you should be working on a meek and quiet spirit ladies, knowing the Scriptures. That's what 1 Peter 3 says.

I mean young guys, if you are working out to get the lady's attention, you are working out because you want to be all hulked up and big and look like the world. Now look, physical exercise profits some. If it helps you discipline yourself and it helps you feel better and you are not near as tired during the day and you can get by with less sleep and it just overall makes you feel better, there may be a place for it.

But is it godliness driven? What we wear? I mean do you wear a what you wear because you are wanting to glorify God? Do you give? Do you use your money in ways that are God glorifying? What is your motive behind what you do with your money? If you are going to make the decision to have a television or not have one, I know Christians that have them. I know Christians that don't have them. What's your motive? What are you accomplishing when you eat? Why do you eat the way you do when you drink? If you were going to say, well the Bible allows me to drink alcoholic beverage, you need to ask yourself why? Why are you doing it? Is there a motive there that is God glorifying? It's not God glorifying if you do things that will cause a brother to stumble and you do it right in front of them.

If meat or drink cause your brother to stumble, you need to abstain. Why do we do what we do? Are we trying to win people to Christ? Hudson Taylor dressed like a Chinaman to win Chinaman and he did. Paul became all things to all men that he might save some.

By all means he might save some. You see when you are driven by love, when you are driven by a desire to save people, when you are driven by a desire to grow, when you are driven by a desire to become more godly, when you are driven by a desire to become more meek, more Bible knowledgeable, when you are driven by a desire not to make my brothers and sisters stumble, see the motivation? Versus when you just want pleasure. And so you are going to do what you want to do because you want fun.

You are going to do what you want to do because you want to enjoy. You are going to do what you want to do because you want to satisfy these desires. That's dangerous ground.

Listen, they wage war against the soul and people lose their soul in this fight all the time. By God's grace, by God's strength, by God's power, abide in Christ and seek to live the right motives. Bringing your thought life, bringing your motives in subjection to Christ all the time.

In subjection to Christ, being led, guided, motivated by love. Let love rule your life. Let love for God and love for your fellow man rule your motives.

Not passions, but love. God help us.

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