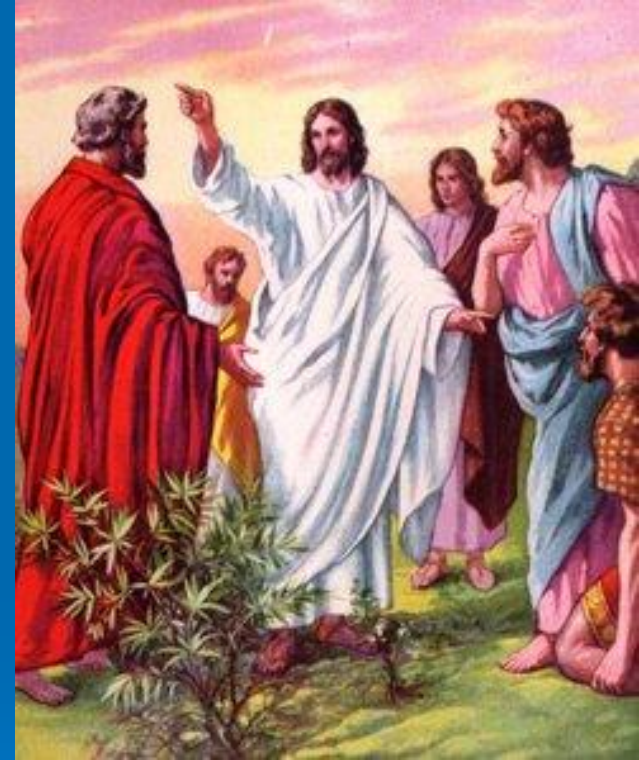
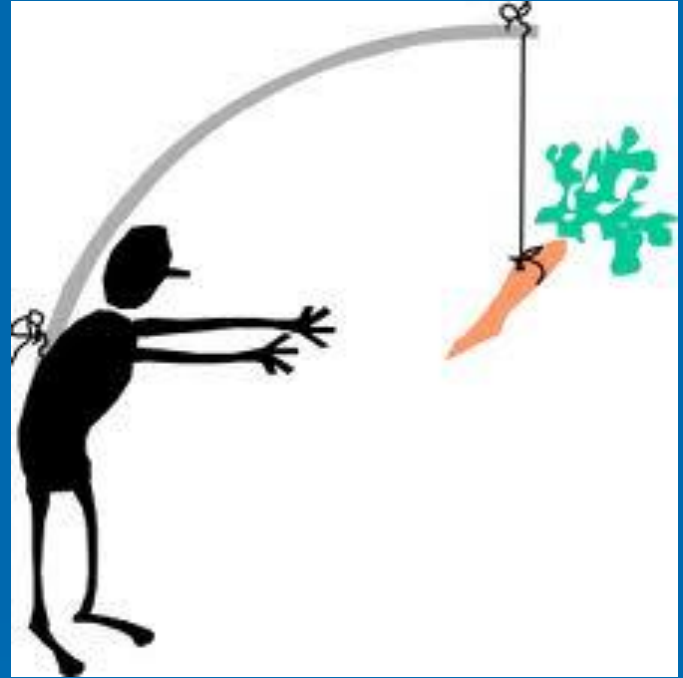


“Nevertheless do not
rejoice in this, that
the spirits are
subject to you, but
rather rejoice
because your names
are written in
heaven”



Luke 10:20

Issues regarding our **“Motives”**



1. God examines our motives

- “Most assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled”

John 6:26



2. The reward is in the return of a holy motive

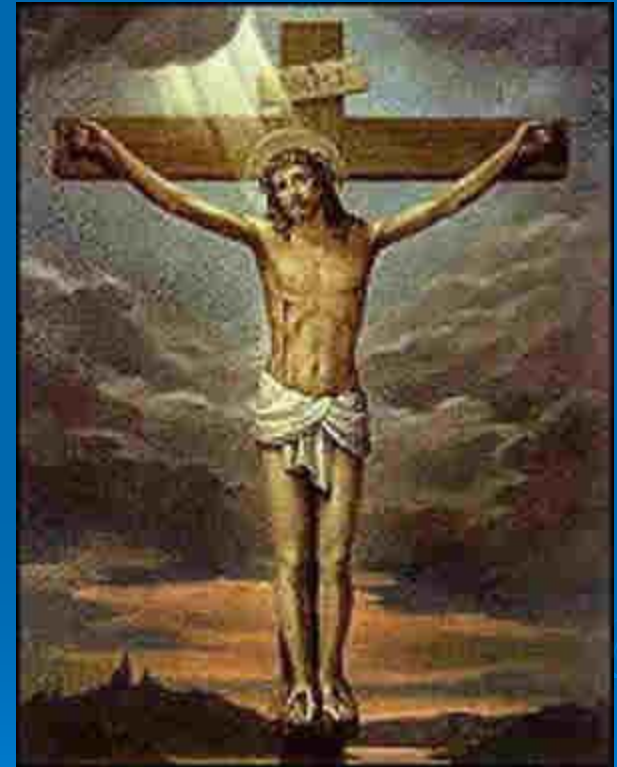
- “And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward”

Matthew 6:5



3. The right motives keep us working to the end

- “looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God” *Hebrews 12:2*



❖ Wrong Motives in serving God

1. The praise of men
(Ananias and Sapphira)
2. Earthly blessings
(the older son)
3. Being in the company
of favored friends
4. Seeking authority
(Diotrephes, Simon
the sorcerer)



❖ Examples of good motives in following and serving God ⁽¹⁾

1. The heavenly reward
2. The debt to His love:
“...and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me”

Galatians 2:20



❖ Examples of good motives in following and serving God ⁽²⁾

3. Because with Him alone we find life:
“Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life”

John 6:68



4. The value of the human soul

❖ Examples of good motives in following and serving God (3)

5. The responsibility:
“For if I do this willingly, I have a reward; but if against my will, I have been entrusted with a stewardship”

1 Corinthians 9:17



❖ Examples of good motives in following and serving God (4)

6. The fear of the Lord who gave me the talents to serve with and will ask me one day to give an account as to how I used them.

