



Shift
Part 5: Shift My Motivations
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3 Things to Remember

1) I can't deal with my motives without _____:

Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting! Psalms 139:23-24 (ESV)

2) All of my motives will never be _____

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3) Other people's motives are _____ not mine!

...¹⁷The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment. ¹⁸What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice..." (Phil.1:15-18, ESV)

4 Motivations to be Wary of

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"¹"Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 6:1, ESV)

"¹What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? ²You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do

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O foolish Galatians! ...Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?...Gal. 3:1-5 (ESV)

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"⁹... but Diotrefes, who likes to put himself first, does not acknowledge our authority. ¹⁰So if I come, I will bring up what he is doing...(3 John 9-10, ESV)

My Major Motivation: _____

- **Love of _____**

For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ. Galatians 1:10 (ESV)

- **Love of _____**

... ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth." (1 John 3:17-18, ESV)

How to Discern My Real Motivations

1) _____ – only God can show me my heart.

All a man's ways seem innocent to him, but motives are weighed by the LORD. Proverbs 16:2 (NIV) (1 Cor. 4:2-5, ESV)

2) _____ to people I trust & who know me well.

... they took him and explained to him the way of God more accurately. Acts 18:26 (ESV)

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