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TOPIC: “Attach the Heart or Have a Heart Attack”

So, we’re still talking about “**The Heart**”. The Bible says that we should, “Guard our hearts with all diligence. For out of it are the issues of life”.

- We have been talking about **The Place of Origination**

Again, it is of **utmost** importance that we understand what the Bible has to say about where the following things originate:

- I. Thoughts
- II. Motivations (Intentions)**
- III. Emotions/Passions
- IV. Actions

On this evening we will begin talking about **point # II, “Motivations (our intentions)”**.

The focus here can be summed up with one question: “**Why**” do we do, what we do?

The emphasis is not on “**What we do**”. But rather on, “**Why**” we do, what we do? What is it that *motivates* us to do what we do? This refers to the motivation behind our actions?

FIVE STAR SENTENCE: Whatever it is that motivates us, that source, will always be found/located in our hearts. We do what we do, because of what’s in our **hearts**.

II. Motivations (Intentions)- As way of example, we will focus on one's *motive* for giving:

1). **Exodus 35:5-** Take ye from among you an *offering* unto the LORD: whosoever is of a **willing heart**, let him bring it, an *offering* of the LORD; gold, and silver, and brass,

2). **II Corinthians 9:7-** Every man according as he purposeth **in his heart**, so let him *give*; **not** grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a *cheerful* giver.

3). **Luke 2:1-4-** And he looked up, and saw the *rich* men casting their gifts into the treasury. ² And he saw also a certain *poor* widow casting in thither two mites. ³ And he said, Of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in **more** than they all: ⁴ For all these have of their **abundance** cast in unto the offerings of God: but she of her **penury** hath cast in all the living that she had.

Now, what **should** be our motivation? The Bible gives us one “**main**” reason, why we **should** do what we do. There are several other reasons why we should do things (love, obedience, etc.), but the Bible gives one “**main**” reason.

OUR MAIN REASON: We should want people to see God!

There are two groups *looking* at us:

A). **The Heavenly Group-** God and the Holy Angels

B). **The Earthly Group-** Other People

One of these groups desire is to be (**secretly**) impressed with you!!! They want us to do what we do **just for them**.

The other group should be inspired by you.

1). **Matthew 6:6b-** “.....and thy Father which *seeth* in **secret** shall reward thee openly”.

QUESTION: ___ Group A ___ Group B- Which group are you most concerned about impressing?

LESSON APPLICATION: Do not let your main focus be on what Group B (people) *think*. Our main focus must be on what Group A (Heaven) *knows*.

We are presented with two options:

1). We can **show God!** Let the world see God through our **LOVE** and **SERVICE**.

2). We can **show off!**

FIVE STAR SENTENCE: Whenever we “**show God**”, God ALWAYS “**shows up**”.

1). **John 12:32-** And I, if **I be lifted up** from the earth, will **draw** all men unto me.

If our decision is to “**show off**“, Satan “**shows out**”.

People will see “**what**” you do. *God* sees “**why**” we do “what” we do (our motives and intentions).

- The main reason that the Bible gives, as to “**why**” we should do what we do.

1). **I Corinthians 10:31-** Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or **whatsoever** ye do, *do all* to the **glory** of God.

2). **Matthew 5:16-** Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and **glorify** your Father which is in heaven.

3). **Colossians 3:17 (KJV)-** And **whatsoever** ye do in word or deed, *do all* in the **name of the Lord Jesus**, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

(AMP)- **Whatever** you do [**no matter what it is**] in word or deed, do **everything** in the name of the Lord Jesus [and in **dependence** on Him], giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

(ISV)- And **whatever** you do, whether by **speech or action**, do **everything** in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

(MSG)- Let **every detail** in your lives—**words, actions, whatever**—be done in the name of the Master, Jesus, thanking God the Father every step of the way.

THE DEVINE EXCHANGE: When you give God **glory**. He will give you **more grace**.

1). **James 4:6**- But he giveth **more grace**. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth **grace** unto the humble.

FINAL DOCTRINAL POINT: God must receive *the attention*. When this does not happen, He has no choice but to get *our attention*.