

WHAT'S

IN YOUR

HEART

What is your motive?



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Matthew 5:8

GOD MEASURES THE HEART

1 Sam 16:7

“God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the *outward appearance*, but the **LORD looks at the heart .”**

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THESIS

- Importance of *Motive*
- Definition
- What Jesus *is and is not* Teaching in Mt 6
- *Practical Applications*

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***What do you want on your
Tombstone?***



Adam's Legacy

Sunday - 2/11/18 - 5:00 p.m.



WHAT SIN WILL DO

Numbers 32:23

Sunday 10:30 am – 2/17/18

***Encountering Ezra and
NEHEMIAH***



**Wednesday Night Study
7:00 p.m.**

Importance of Motive

- *Necessary* for murder conviction.
- With God it determines whether our **good deeds are acceptable** or not (Matt 6 & I Cor 13).
- Human Relationships determines whether our **bad deeds are *tolerable***.



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Importance of Motive

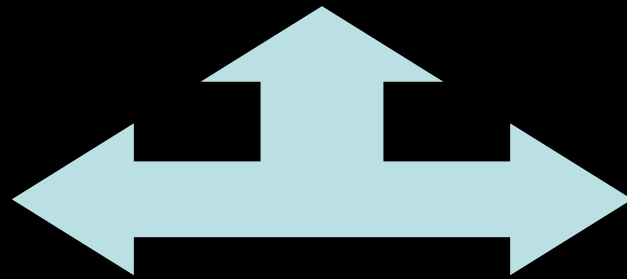
- KEY: THE MOTIVE DETERMINES THE QUALITY OF THE DEED.



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Definition of Motive

- Root GK Word = EMOTION
 - Lit: “To move out.”
 - Web: “That which causes us to act.”



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Jesus & Sermon on the Mount

Jesus is NOT warning about:

- **The danger of idleness.**
- **Overly aggressive discipleship.**
- **Others seeing your good works.**
– **Matt 5:16, 1 Peter 1:3**



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Jesus & Sermon on the Mount

Jesus is warning about Motive!

- **Matt 6:1a "Beware of practicing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them;**
- **Matt 6:1b "Otherwise you have no reward with your Father who is in heaven.**



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Jesus & Sermon on the Mount
Jesus is warning about Motive!

Huge difference between doing deeds to be seen of men and in doing deeds that are seen of men.



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Importance of Motive

- **KEY: *MOTIVE DETERMINES THE QUALITY OF THE DEED.***
 - Saul giving Michal to David
 - Honor marry King's daughter!
 - I Sam 18:25 = Ugly Deed!

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Importance of Motive

- **KEY: *MOTIVE DETERMINES THE QUALITY OF THE DEED.***
 - Herod seeking baby Jesus!
 - Matt 2: 8 “That I may worship Him.”
 - Matt 2:12 “Wise men warned of God in a dream, to not return to Herod.” Why?

Importance of Motive

- **The Quality/Meaningfulness of a deed is tarnished by a sordid motive.**



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Importance of Motive

- **Paul taught by Example**
 - II Cor 9:1-2 “I boasted to others about your readiness to minister!”
- **Jesus taught by Example**
 - Acts 1:1, I Peter 2:21



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A silhouette of a person standing on a dark, jagged ground line, with their hands raised in prayer. The background is a textured, light brown paper-like surface.

the **HEART**
of the **MATTER**

matthew 6:7-8

"Don't use vain repetitions."

FROM MEANINGLESS CHATTER TO SIGNIFICANT SPEECH

Practical Application

- **Prov 4:23 “Keep your heart with all diligence for out it flows the springs of life.”**



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Practical Application

- **Key: No service can be really good if it springs from a sordid motive. May be *useful* but *not good*.**
 - Giving – II Cor 9:7
 - Kiss of Judas - Matt 26:49



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Practical Application

- Do we stop doing good deeds when we stop getting recognized?
- Do we attend services only as long as we are treated warmly?
- What would you think of someone who sold all their goods for a good cause?
 - What would you think of someone who gave a cup of cold water?
 - Which is greater?

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Practical Application

- **Can be Useful in the Kingdom, yet not in the Kingdom at all!**
 - Phil 1:15 “Preach out of envy..”
 - 1:18 “Rejoice Christ is proclaimed!”

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WHAT'S IN YOUR HEART

A hand is holding a magnifying glass over the word 'HEART' in the title. The magnifying glass is positioned over the word, making it appear larger and more prominent. The background is a white grid with some squares shaded in light gray.

What is your motive?

A red stethoscope is visible in the bottom left corner of the image. It is partially obscured by the text and the magnifying glass.

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INVITATION:

*If you love me, keep my
commandments! Jn 14:15*



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