

# 1 Corinthians, Part 3

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## I. Introduction.

- A. It is better to do things heartily and badly than not at all.
- B. We have to obey Christ and not the church.
- C. We are responsible for our attitudes and not the attitudes of others.
- D. Text: 1 Corinthians 9:16.
- E. The grace of God is a tremendous motivating factor, but this was not always enough.

## II. Origins of Christian motivation.

- A. The law of the Spirit of life counteracts the law of sin and death. One must continue to submit himself to the law of Christ in order to maintain freedom.
- B. God has put a tremendous compulsion on the believer. Sometimes we abuse the grace of God, so God has to lay upon us necessity.
- C. There is tremendous woe upon the one who does not preach the gospel.
- D. Reward is a motive also. Sometimes the Apostle's ministry operated on the lowest possible motivation.

1. Ministry is a privilege and reward in itself.
2. The crown of righteousness is a reward. We will be able to toss our crowns at Christ.

## III. Operation of Christian motivation.

- A. It makes people more durable. We are going to have to face up to some tough assignments.
- B. It makes people more extendible. We will learn to say no to what is selfish and yes to what is serving.
- C. It makes people more flexible. This gives us a totally different attitude before people.

## IV. Outcome of Christian motivation.

**Application questions:**

1. What has been the strongest motivation for your own Christian ministry?

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2. What are some wrong motives for Christian ministry?

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3. How would you counsel someone struggling to find desire to serve others? Explain.

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