

## Motives Analysis

*Motives make up the soil of all that we do. Empty motives produce heavy burdens and burnout, while pure motives can offer an easier yoke and greater joy. We often experience a mixture of motives, so the goal is to learn how to examine and refine the motives that are shaping our decisions, actions, and commitments.*

**Circle the motives that best describe your actions. Pray for Pure Motives to fill your mind and heart!**

<b>Empty Motives:</b>	<b>Pure Motives:</b>
To receive honor for yourself (pride)	Wanting to honor Jesus
To gain validation or worth	To show love for Jesus
Fear of being alone or feeling lonely	To love people deeply; find comfort in being with Jesus
To receive salvation when it has already been granted (wrong understanding)	To rejoice in your salvation, be grateful, and want others to come to faith
To be accepted by people	To be secure in Jesus's love and protection for you
Thinking you need to do more because that's what you think others expect of you	Doing something because you believe the Holy Spirit is asking you to do something; following God's Word
Doing more to make you feel valuable and productive	Doing something because you are called by God, out of love for someone, or out of obedience to God's Word
Fearing people in an unhealthy way	Revering and respecting God in a healthy way; guarding your spirit and relationship with God
Wanting to receive a reward from others, even financial	Wanting to increase the faith of others and encourage them; wanting to increase your faith
Comparing yourself to others	Desiring a greater spiritual reward
Wanting to be seen as better than others	Following Jesus and become more like him
Wanting what someone else has; not being content with your situation	Wanting to use the gifts and blessings the Lord has given you
Wanting someone to like you or respect you, think you are important or smart / intellectual	Feeling grateful knowing Jesus loves you and wants to use you for his glory
Finding value in size, numbers, expensive things, flashy things, fame, being known, etc.	Wanting to reach as many as possible for Jesus; wanting to honor Jesus and give him the glory
Using people or organizations as your standard for value or truth instead of Jesus	Loving people, Jesus, and his teachings. Finding peace in his unique purposes for you
Feeling that you owe someone (out of obligation instead of humility or love)	Wanting to encourage or genuinely honor someone or show them love
Fear of someone's negative reaction	Speaking truth in love and building up; honoring Jesus
Feeling irritated by someone's behavior	Wanting to help someone grow spiritually and experience Jesus's love and grace
Wanting to protect yourself rather than loving someone (unless you are in spiritual, physical, or emotional danger)	Wanting to protect someone else above yourself
Feeling responsible for something that is God's and / or someone else's responsibility	Trusting Jesus will help the situation and the person; letting them experience appropriate consequences for their actions
Acting out of fear, anxiety, or impatience	Waiting upon Jesus for clarity; continuing to pray and get wise advice; trusting Jesus for your future
Continually putting something or someone above Jesus in a way that causes you to disobey, neglect, or dishonor him	Continually putting Jesus first in your life vs. people, projects, self, desires, work, or circumstances