

Reading: I Cor. 3:1-15

Topic: Motives & Attitude

INTRODUCTION: One of the things that many people _____ is that when we are involved in the _____ of God, not only does God look at our work, but also He can see our motives and attitudes, and we will be judged according to them.

I. THE HUMAN HEART:

A. Not Good:

1. When we think of the _____ of an individual, we are talking about the deep inner person, the real you, wherein resides all the emotions and _____ of the soul. Pr. 4:23
2. The Word of God informs us that the human _____ is not the sweet, lovely, soft, cuddly thing that is often portrayed in _____ stories, but that it is evil and corrupt. Jer. 17:9
3. Jesus informed us in His _____ that the evil human _____ is the source and root cause of all of the evil and corruption that is in the _____ today. Mk. 7:21-23

B. Seen & Known By God:

1. Though an individual may be able to hide and cover up before people what is in their _____, no one can escape the searching _____ of the Lord who can see everything in our hearts. Jer. 17:10
2. Human eyes and minds can observe an individual and make a _____ as to whether they are a good person or not, but God sees the _____ and knows everything about the individual. I Sam. 16:7
3. On the day of judgment, God will not only try us for the _____ that we have done but also according to what was in our _____ while we did it – our motive and attitude. Rev. 3:23

II. MOTIVES:

A. Right or Wrong:

1. We can do the _____ thing but if we do it with the wrong _____, then it will be known by God and we will be judged accordingly. Acts 5:1-11
2. Prayer is always a _____ thing to do, but even prayer can be done with the _____ motive and Jesus pointed out in His teaching that prayer with wrong motive equals _____ answer. Lk. 18:10-14

B. From The Heart:

1. Absalom, the son of King David, worked _____ to help judge cases that were essential in the country but his _____ for doing the work was totally wrong. 2 Sam. 15:1-6
2. One strong individual doing the _____ thing with the _____ motives can create major problems for the work of God.

III. ATTITUDES: (video clip)

A. Make or Break:

1. Caleb, a man of God from the Old Testament, made it into the Promised Land because of a _____

attitude, when all the others around him were filled with a _____ attitude. Num. 13:30

2. Doing the _____ thing with the _____ attitude will rob an individual of victory in the present and of a reward in the _____.

3. Doing the _____ thing with the _____ attitude leads to faith and victory! Num. 14:24

B. It's A Choice:

1. We are the one who chooses to have the _____ or _____ motives and attitudes, and the choice that we make will determine our _____ in the end. I Cor. 3:13

2. Unfortunately, some people will be saved but they will lose all of their potential _____ because they did all of their work for God with the wrong _____ or attitude. I Cor. 3:15

CONCLUSION: God knows if our motives and attitudes are _____ or _____ and He will put us through the trials and tests to bring us to the place to _____ what is wrong with us. We then choose to change or continue on the same way and suffer the consequences later on.