

## MOTIVES.

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The Gospel of Grace is in every instance superior to the Law of Moses.

The law served its purpose as a school master to bring us to Christ.

The gospel of Grace makes a different approach to man to secure his allegiance & receive his support.

- 1- The law demanded righteousness of man.
- 2- Grace emparts righteousness to man.
- 3- The law says do and thou shalt live.
- 4- Grace says live and do.
- 5- The law condemns to begin with.
- 6- Grace pardons, forgives and give a chance to live.

One of the major differences in the law and the gospel is in the case of MOTIVES.

IN the law it was the act that counted. You could not be stoned for what you had in your heart. They acted only on what you did.

Under grace its not the act but the attitude. Its the motive behind it.

Under the law it said "Thou shalt <sup>NOT</sup> kill. That meant to take life by violence.

Under grace it said If you hate your brother without a cause you are a murderer.

Under law it ~~was~~ condemned strong drink. You were not to look on the wine when it was red.

Under grace we find the great Apostle telling Timothy Take a little wine for the stomach sake.

Under the law the object itself was defileing Under grace it was the attitude toward the object that was defileing.

THIS IS THE NEGATIVE SIDE:  
THE POSITIVE WORKS THE SAME WAY.

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What is the motivating power that moves you to service for God.

Its not just enough to get the job done. You must do the job with the right motive.

Except your righteousness exceed that of the Pharisee ye shall in no wise enter in.  
What were their righteousness?

They fasted twice a week.

They paid tithes.

They kept the sabbath day holy.

They engaged in religious practices.

They worked diligently on land and sea to secure proselytes.

They were temperate.

They were fair in dealing with their fellowman.

You would have to go some to beat that.

Where was the difference.

The motive made the difference.

The Pharisee and the Publican at the Temple praying.  
I'm not like other men. I'm not an extortioner, I am not unjust. I am not an adulterer. I am clean. I am not even like this publican.

But the Publican went down to his house justified.

The law made disciples by fear.

Grace makes disciples by Love.

The dialogue between Jesus and Simon Peter here is the key to the master motive that propels the work of the kingdom of Grace.

He is commissioning him here. I think he is talking to them in relationship to pastoring.

The Great commission is Go out and make disciples of all men. There is a fascination to this. There is something intriguing in this. Always that change and that call of the greener pastures. Something always out beyond. Not much responsibility to that.

Just enthusiasm and zeal is enough to evangelize. But here is something different.

It takes more than zeal and enthusiasm to be a pastor.

I am assigning you to watch over my sheep. Tend them and feed them. Not one time did he say shear them. You feed sheep and tend them every day of the year. BUT YOU SHEAR THEM ONLY ONE TIME ANNUALLY.

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There is nothing fascinating about pastoring. Its a grind. Meeting that same crowd every Sunday. Getting out and getting your own crowd to preach to. Knocking on doors every day. Up and down the same streets.

Visiting sick beds, day by day. In Hospitals. Listening to everybodys tale of woe and their trouble. Settling disputes between members. And forever trying to get along with some disgruntled deacon.

That will take the zeal out of you. That will take the enthusaism out of you. That will take the fire out of you.

There is only one thing under the sun that will kep you at your post here and that is LOVE.

Love never faileth.

Tongues shall cease.

Prophecies will fail.

Knowledge will vanish away.

But alove will never fail. You will stay with them if you love them.

THE HIRELING FLEETH WHEN T HE WOLF COMETH.

SOME PASTOR WILL GET THE URGE TO GO, OUT IN THE EVANGELISTIC WORK IN THE MIDDLE OF THE YEAR. HE WILL SAY THE CALL IS ON HIS HEART.

THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER IS, HIS Knowledge has vanishe away. His prophecies have failed.

He doesnt have any message. He is too lazy to keep digging. he loses interest in his sheep. He doesnt love them like he ought too.

If you feel the call to evangelize. Get at it. start one in your own church. Go to preaching. If you are burning down to evangelize somebody will come out to see you burn in your own church.

If you have smethign that the world needs , though h you live th the back side of the forests the world will beat a path to your door.

( John the Baptist). The people left their sheep to come out to hear John preach.

You will, have to love people to do some things.

WE had five pastors in our Conference this year who resigned in the middle of the year for a call somewhere else. Some to evangelize. One fellow will go to his Superintendent and say I just must evangelize. I am burning down. And he lets him off. And he runs across another church that pays a little more and he takes it. His evangelistic zeal is gone in two weeks.