

STEP 1 PREPARATION FOR DEVELOPMENT IN SHARING

We Share The Gospel With Love As Our Motivation

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CHAPTER 3 – RIGHT MOTIVATION FOR SHARING THE GOSPEL

Zeal without knowledge can be dangerous. To be motivated to share the Gospel, we need to look at the reasons for doing it. We will examine some of those reasons by examining scripture's motives for sharing Jesus with others.



RIGHT MOTIVATION IN SHARING THE GOSPEL

Discovering the Right Motives

(The "Gas" That Drives The Car.)

We know we can glorify God when we spread His word to others. Our focus must shift from ourselves and our self-interests to obeying God's word. It is sometimes daunting to imagine yourself sharing the Gospel with others, generating and producing fear and

anxiety. Will others reject us, and we lose some friends? Will people get angry with us? We can overcome this fear by allowing the Holy Spirit to move and guide us.

The Holy Spirit is like "gas," motivating us to move forward. It is the necessary ingredient to make our "car" run. If there is no gas in our tank, we can't move. Even though many of us know it is God's command to spread His word and help people become disciples of Jesus, we do very little of it. The reason for this is a lack of spiritual inspiration. Help from the Holy Spirit drives away fear and encourages us to move forward in sharing the Gospel message with others.

What should be our motivation and inspiration in spreading the Gospel?

Let us examine what inspired, prompted, and drove Jesus. Indeed, He was successful in reaching His objectives and targets. He is to be our pattern and example. *To this, you were called because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his steps.* (1 Peter 2:21). Whatever inspired and motivated Him must also be the encouraging and motivating force driving us.

These are things that moved our Lord to reach out to the lost. The first is:

GOD'S LOVE

Have we encountered "*the love of the Father*" daily? If so, how can we not be motivated to want to share it with others? The question to ask ourselves is, is it not worth sharing? Sometimes, we must admit that our love for our Father is not as strong as we would like. How can we change it? The vital commandment in this concern is the way to encounter the Father's love: to love others as Christ loved us. *My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.* (John 15:12). This is because loving one another is critical and essential to experiencing the love of the Father in our daily lives. *No one has ever seen God, but if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is made complete in us.* (1 John 4:12).

The best way to strengthen our love is to learn more about Him from the Word of God (READING THE BIBLE), get involved in a caring local church, and fellowship with believers who demonstrate their love of the Father for the lost. We need these things to help us share effectively. Without it, we won't be inspired, encouraged, or motivated to share the Good News!



Parents who get up in the middle of the night to care for their sick child are not doing so because they love to lose sleep, enjoy changing diapers, or clean up vomit but because they have a deep LOVE and CONCERN for their child.

The love of the Father encourages us to serve Him because we love Him. God's people have the same responsibility to love people with God's love and bring the Gospel message to them.

SUCH LOVE! Allow God's Word to have a positive effect on your life. Let us all respond to Him in our daily lives.



HAVE COMPASSION FOR LOST SOULS

Jesus was moved with compassion and tenderness when He saw the mass of lost souls ([Matthew 14:14](#)) gathered around Him. Such compassion motivated Jesus to heal the sick, provide for people's material needs, and, most importantly, provide for their spiritual needs by teaching them about the Kingdom of God.

The time has come, He said. The Kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news. (Mark 1:15).

Do we have this same compassion to reach lost souls?

If we could have this same compassion for the lost, it would be a significant motivating factor in sharing the Gospel message.

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost. (Luke 19:10).

How can we gain compassion for lost souls? The best way is to let God instruct us on how to **love** by meditating on God's Word and God's love for us. Allow your heart to be open to the Holy Spirit's leading.

Just as Jesus engaged in and connected with the multitudes of people, we must get to know and connect with those lost to share the Gospel. Paul states in 1 Timothy 2:4 that God, *...who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.*

Jesus Also Had A SENSE OF PURPOSE, DETERMINATION, AND DIRECTION.

In [John 4:27](#), we see the motivating force of purpose in our Lord's conversation with the Samaritan woman at the well and with Nicodemus, Pharisees, and many others. This Samaritan woman was from a race that the Jews despised, and her own people ostracized and shunned her because she was unmarried and had lived with six different men. While talking with her, His disciples wondered and stood in awe at what His intention might be. Jesus explained: *My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.* (John 4:34).

This woman at the well reveals how God loves us despite all our mistakes. God will seek us out no matter what we have done. It shows our Lord's purpose to look for and care for those who do not care for themselves and see no value in themselves. That is God's purpose and His Grace to save a dying world. ([John 3:16](#)).

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Do we have this same awareness of purpose in our daily lives?

Do we put the Father's will first?

But many people often have different goals for living. Jesus said: *But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*

(Matthew 6:33).

Ask yourself what your real goal for living is. Is it families, friends, jobs, sports, money, etc.? (Pause, Think, Consider, and Reflect!)

As we comprehend and recognize God's will and command for us, we learn that our mission is to share the Gospel. Have we allowed the Word of God to develop and cultivate the correct sense of intention, purpose, determination, and direction within us? If not, our motivation will be incomplete! The real purpose comes from reading, studying, and obeying God's Word.



WHEN WE WIN SOULS, WE GLORIFY GOD

The Holy Spirit gives us the desire and guidance to share the Gospel. This is an excellent reason and a compelling motivating factor for sharing the Gospel message with others. To win souls certainly glorifies God.

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

(1 Corinthians 10:31).

WE RESCUE SINNERS FROM HELL WHEN WE WIN SOULS

It is always an excellent catalyst for winning souls when our hearts are stirred as we understand the dreadful fate of the soul without Christ.

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WE ENCOURAGE OTHER CHRISTIANS WHEN WE WIN SOULS

Encouraging other Christians positively affects soul-winning and inspires us because we are to motivate, influence, and enlighten other Christians. When souls accept Christ, followers of Christ are excited and motivated by our actions. There is rejoicing in Heaven and rejoicing amongst fellow Christians.

For what is our hope, our joy, or the crown in which we will glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus when he comes? Is it not you? (1 Thessalonians 2:19).

WHEN WE WIN SOULS, WE ENCOURAGE, ENHANCE, AND ENLARGE THE CHURCH

When we win souls within the church body, those members will assist in promoting the work of God on earth even more. Some churches stagnate and cannot carry out church programs because not enough Christians want to serve and love others. It would be exciting if all congregation members were to win just one soul. Then, those people could go on spreading the Gospel even further.

Praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. (Acts 2:47).

WE HASTEN THE RETURN OF CHRIST WHEN WE WIN SOULS

The church is called the Bride of Christ. It comprises all born-again believers from the cross until Christ comes back. As we win souls, we assist in completing the bride-to-be, accelerating the return of Jesus. When the final soul has accepted Christ, Jesus will return once again to get His bride-to-be to Himself. *The end of all things is near. Therefore, be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray.* (1 Peter 4:7).

There is no greater and more significant joy than to lead an individual to Christ.



THE JOY OF LEADING A SOUL TO JESUS!

Definition of spiritual motivation:

"Christians who are compelled to push themselves forward, move through difficulties, hindrances, and stumbling blocks, and head onward by the Holy Spirit leading and guiding us to lost souls."

(Recommend writing this inside your Bible.)

God can do amazing things through people to whom we reach out. The Apostle Paul knew this and experienced this enormous joy that helped him accelerate sharing and teaching the Gospel.

For what is our hope, our joy, or the crown in which we will glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus when he comes? Is it not you? Indeed, you are our glory and joy.

(1 Thessalonians 2:19-20).

It is evident by now that the solution to cultivating and building up the correct and effective motivation is to let the Word of God have its desired result upon us. The early church discovered the encouragement, determination, and inspiration necessary to grow. We can easily do the same right now! But suppose Christians are not praying daily, reading the Bible, studying and applying themselves, and thinking deeply about the Word of God. How can we hope to stay encouraged and motivated like Jesus, Paul, and the early church were?

Teaching people to "[introduce others to Christ](#)" is helping them see people for who they are, where they are, and that they matter to God. Everyone has a story, and that story matters to God. If that person and their story matter to God, they should also matter to us.

Don't be disheartened when an individual doesn't show the response that you expected. Understand that new birth is a process. Our purpose is to lift up Jesus first ([John 12:32](#)), which happens when we introduce God's love, kindness, compassion, forgiveness, and Grace. The Holy Spirit will undoubtedly convict of sinfulness ([John 16:8-9](#)). Most people will turn down our message if we attempt to impose a sense of guilt or pressure at conversion. People will be drawn to Jesus when we invite them to accept Him, and then they share His incredible love, and many others will come.

A HEART-TO-HEART TALK

The question is, "[What if I don't have enough faith to share the Gospel?](#)"



Imagine if it is winter by a frozen lake. You jump off the dock onto the ice. You were wrong about the ice holding your weight and falling into the cold water. You had tons of faith, but the object of your trust in the ice turns out to be only a few inches thick.

A few weeks later, the ice is 2 feet thick. You jump onto the ice with fear and little confidence (limited faith). This time, you had very little courage (faith,) but the object of your assurance and conviction

was faith and trustworthiness as the ice was 2 feet thick. When writing this part, I recently saw a documentary about three men skidoos on ice. All three Skidoos fell through thin ice, and all three men died in the deep and cold water.

Once skidoos in warm weather, I got in the middle of a lake and hit thin ice with water on the surface. Then instinct took over, and I gunned the throttle. I did not stop for any reason until I was again over thick ice. Another time, many years ago, my wife and I were skating on a small local lake at night. We heard the ice cracking and skated off as fast as we could. Most people did the same and went home. That night, a young man fell through the thin ice and drowned.

We always trust in Jesus in our daily walk. (Christ-centered Life.)

Drawing a parallel to each day walking with Jesus, we can walk through life self-centered on thin ice, concentrating on all our circumstances, thoughts, and problems, which is as dangerous as walking on thin ice. Or we CHOOSE to have the right motivation and faith using our source, the Holy Spirit (our Gas as shown in the top picture above), which tells us with certainty that the ice is 2 feet thick.

Challenge yourself when you start each day:

Ask the Lord to help you CHOOSE to believe the ice is 2 feet thick.

Have the right motivation to share the Gospel. (Gospel-Centered Life.)

Let us CHOOSE to walk hand in hand with Jesus. (Christ-Centered Life.)

Relying on the Holy Spirit. (The Gas.)

NO MATTER WHAT OUR CIRCUMSTANCES ARE. IT WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE!

(Pause, Think, Consider, and Reflect!)

It will take effort as our enemy will throw a lot of thin ice our way. But remember, as we live a Christ-centered and Gospel-centered life, we will be on safe ground with Jesus, who loves us immensely and will use us to help people discover and encounter the Love of God.

Always remember, Jesus Loves YOU!

The actual concern and challenges are not the *quantity* and *magnitude* of faith. It is the *object* and *substance of our faith*, which is in Christ, whether or not we are prepared to take whatever faith we have and place it in Him. Even if you are doubtful, you can step out to share the Gospel as in the true thin ice story.

We pray that these evangelizing study guides allow God's Word and Jesus (the thick ice) and the power of the Holy Spirit (the Gas) to motivate us to witness to the lost effectively. If we do not read, study, consider, and reflect upon the Word of God, we will live a frustrated and defeated life. Many will not understand or believe in Christ because they have not heard or seen God's power working in the lives of Christians. It is our time to spread the truth of Jesus' saving work to others.

Take a few moments, pause, and consider using your imagination to reflect on the object and substance of your faith. (The thick ice.)

A Journey Of Chapter 3 Questions – The Right Motivation.

Embark on a journey of self-discovery, reflection, and personal growth. Explore your thoughts and emotions to better understand yourself and your world. By reflecting on these questions, we can expand our perspectives and uncover new insights to help us overcome any obstacle.

Please reflect on these questions from Chapter 3.

1. What is the right motivation for sharing the Gospel?
2. When has someone or something you trusted in life turned out to be "thin ice"?
3. What if I lack faith to share the Gospel?
4. What has been a concrete show of God's love in your everyday life?
5. How can you learn to see yourself as God sees you, as worthy and loved?

Tomorrow's Study Guide – Chapter 4

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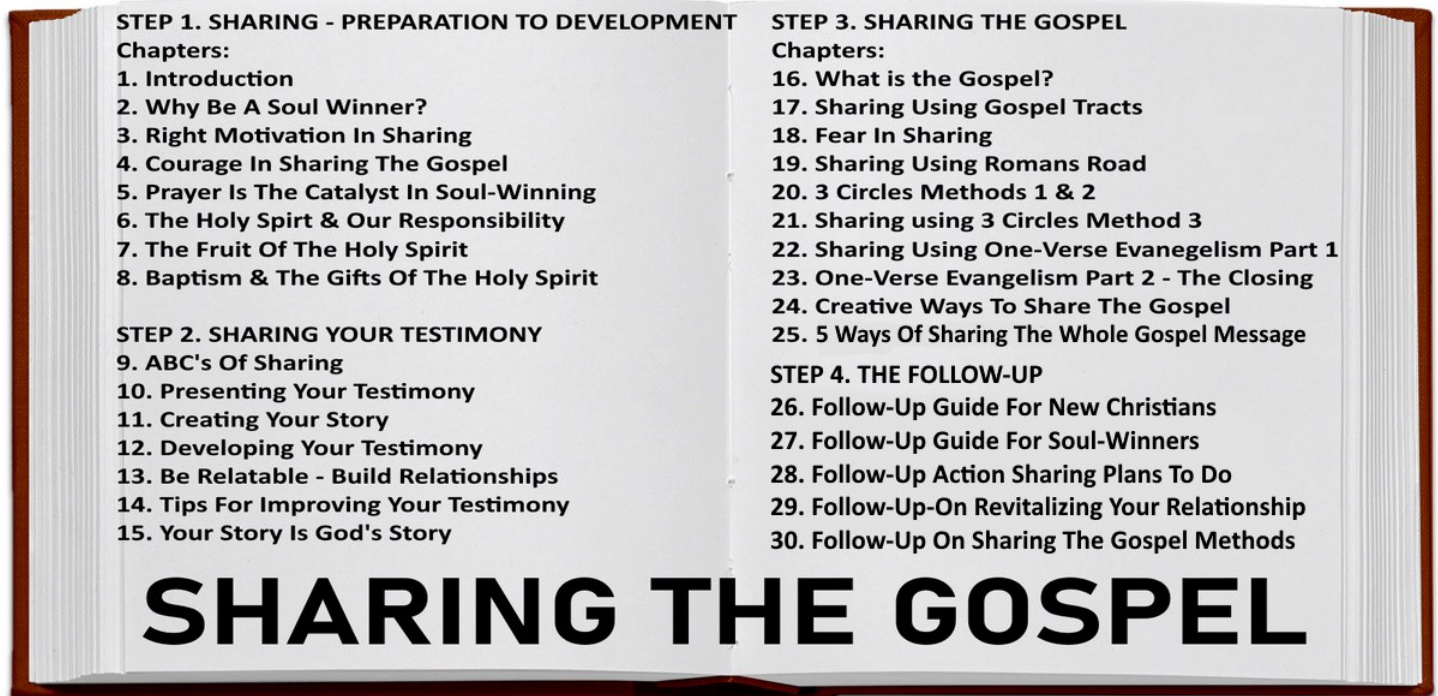
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