



LIVING MORE LIKE JESUS

PURIFYING OUR MOTIVES

2 Corinthians 5:11-13

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Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience.

12 *We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. 13 For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.* (ESV)

1. Be _____ (v.11a)

2. Be _____ (vv.11b-12)

3. Be _____ (v.13a)

4. Be _____ (v.13b)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Ezekiel 33:7–9** and **Acts 20:26–27**. Think about someone in your life who doesn't know Christ. How do these passages — and our study this weekend — deepen your concern for them and shape how you might reach out?
2. Read **Jude 23–24**. This passage urges us to reach out to others with mercy, truth and care. What concrete step will you take this week to follow that example?
3. Read **1 Samuel 16:7** and **Psalms 139:23-24**. Since God knows the thoughts and motives of your heart, why is it essential to regularly examine yourself before Him with an open Bible, prayer and a humble spirit?
4. Read **1 Kings 18:17–18** and **Mark 3:21**. Standing with Christ's truth will sometimes cost you your reputation. How willing are you to bear that cost, and what practical steps can you take to grow in courage and conviction?
5. Read **Acts 8:30–35** and **1 Thessalonians 2:8–9**. Making God's truth clear often comes at a personal cost. How can you draw closer to the Lord so that sacrificial love increasingly fuels that kind of service in your life?

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website and App (FPR.org).

Msg. 22-12 – ***Aiming for “Well Done”***
Msg. 14-23 – ***Why We Amplify the Truth***
Msg. 13-05 – ***Loving Enough to Tell the Truth About Hell***
Msg. 14-05 – ***The Practical Value of Integrity***
Msg. 19-27 – ***The Royal Task: Serious About Our Assignment***
Msg. 21-19 – ***Showing Up for Divine Appointments***
Msg. 16-31 – ***Rediscovering the Joy of Evangelism***

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Aug. 17th *Ps.107-108 & Ro.15:21-33*
Aug. 18th *Ps.109-111 & Ro.16*
Aug. 19th *Ps.112-115 & 1Cor.1*
Aug. 20th *Ps.116-118 & 1Cor.2*
Aug. 21st *Ps.119:1-48 & 1Cor.3*
Aug. 22nd *Ps.119:49-104 & 1Cor.4*
Aug. 23rd *Ps.119:105-176 & 1Cor.5*
Aug. 24th *Ps.120-123 & 1Cor.6*

Here are some books that may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Burroughs, Jeremiah. ***Gospel Fear: Developing a Tender Heart that Trembles at the Word of God***. Soli Deo Gloria, 1997.
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MacArthur, John. ***The Truth War: Fighting for Certainty in an Age of Deception***. Thomas Nelson, 2007.
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Naselli, Andrew, and J.D. Crowley. ***Conscience: What It Is, How to Train It, & Loving Those Who Differ***. Crossway, 2016.
Packer, J.I. ***Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God***. InterVarsity Press, 1961.
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Wiersbe, Warren. ***The Integrity Crisis***. Oliver-Nelson Books, 1988.