

Bringing Good News, 1: “Our Motivation”
Various Scriptures
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Be motivated in Christ to bring his good news to others in your life.

I. Experiencing the “evangel” for ourselves

We are motivated in Christ to evangelize as we personally experience how the “evangel” saves us from our sin and God’s wrath.

- What is evangelism? Evangelism is proclaiming the gospel to persuade others to put their trust in Jesus Christ.
- What is the gospel? It can be summarized as four main points: “God, man, Christ, response.”

1 Timothy 1:15-16 (ESV)

¹⁵ This saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶ But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life.

II. Delight in our duty

We are motivated as we learn to carry out our duty to evangelize with a delight in Christ.

Matthew 28:18b–19 (ESV)

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

John 14:21a, 24a (ESV)

²¹ Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me.

²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words.

Ezekiel 36:26–27 (ESV)

²⁶ And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I

will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

III. Love for those still lost

We are motivated in Christ to evangelize as we feel his compassion for the lost who are yet to be saved.

Matthew 9:36 (ESV)

³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

2 Corinthians 5:14-15, 19-20 (ESV)

¹⁴For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

1 Thessalonians 2:7-8 (ESV)

⁷But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. ⁸So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

IV. Worship that God is worthy of

We are motivated in Christ to evangelize as our ultimate desire is for God to receive the worship He is worthy to receive.

Psalms 96:2-4 (ESV)

²Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. ³Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! ⁴For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.

Life Application

- 1) Review: Which motivation in Christ is personally speaking to me?
- 2) Reflect: Do I personally and regularly experience how good the gospel is?
- 3) Repent: Is God my ultimate delight and greatest desire?

4) Recommit: Who will I share my personal testimony to as I try to proclaim and persuade?