



## Check your Motive

January 25 & 26, 2017

**Knowing who you are & whose you are can be useful in decision making.**

### Personal Activity

Ask yourself, "What motivates people? What motivates me?" List as many motives as you can that you believe influence decision making, e.g. curiosity.

### Small Group Activity

Discuss list of motives on sheet given to you.

### Large Group Teaching—Understanding Vocation

Common Psychology Teachings vs. Biblical Teachings

Similarities- Both describe \_\_\_\_\_. Both acknowledge \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ realities. Types of motivations (e.g. Biological, Social, Personal) and Unconscious - individual and situational aspects of motivation being expressed

Differences- Naturalism vs. \_\_\_\_\_, nature/nurture science vs. \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ condition

Proverbs 21: 2 "All a man's ways seem right to him, but the Lord weighs the heart."

John 2: 23-25 "Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many people saw the miraculous signs he was doing believed in his name. But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all men. He did not need man's testimony about man, for he knew what was in a man."

Matthew 15: 18-19 "But the things that come out of a person's mouth come from the heart, and these defile them. For out of the heart come evil thoughts—murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander." Jesus

Romans 3: 9-18 "What shall we conclude then? Are we any better? Not at all! We have already made the charge that Jews and Gentiles alike are under sin."

Psalms 86:11 Teach me Your way, O LORD; I will walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to fear Your name.

Colossians 3: 17 Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

### Large Group Teaching: A Process for Checking Your Motive

- Start from a position of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Pray for God's mercy/leadership through the process, people, and the unknowns.
- List \_\_\_\_\_ that could be \_\_\_\_\_ your decision.
- Reflect upon your \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ to motivation.
- Seek godly counsel in order to \_\_\_\_\_ motives.
- \_\_\_\_\_ yourself \_\_\_\_\_ before God \_\_\_\_\_ on your process / decision.

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## Motives

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Goals of life  
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Attitudes and interests