



WHAT IS YOUR MOTIVATION?

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PSALM 40:8 NKJV – (8) I delight to do Your will, O my God, and Your law is within my heart.”

Motivation is defined as “that which moves one toward an action; that which changes, provokes, or impels our very being.”

The world is motivated by self and the aggrandizement of self, the all-about-me syndrome, which is identified by self-determination, self-obsession, and self-worship. The Bible does not teach us to be centered on ourselves. In fact, it teaches just the opposite. Jesus said, “The greatest among you will be your servant.

Psalm 40:1–10 delivers a steady stream of thanksgiving, as David recounts the Lord's deliverance of him from his enemies. He is grateful for giving him a new lease on life. He commits himself to doing the Lord's will and to telling others about how the Lord delivered him from his enemies.

David was thrilled to do God's will, whom he knew personally as "my God." He also held God's Word in his heart. His devotion to God's will and God's Word pictures Jesus' relationship to God and His Word.

Our motivation as believers stems from a yearning to have peace with God (**Romans 5:1; Philippians 4:7**), to have His grace as well as hope (**Romans 5:2; 1 John 5:13**).

SCRIPTURE READING: PSALM 119:47

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: “Don't worry about failure; you only have to be right once.”