

“What is My Motivation?”

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INTRODUCTION

Leviticus seems like a long book of do's and don'ts. And to us, it can seem that way, especially if we do not see the “why” behind obeying them. God commands us to follow His ways, not the world's ways. He commands us, as new people in Jesus Christ, to be set apart and holy for He is holy. You see, our motivation for loving Him, obeying him, and striving to be different results from our encounter with Him. Change starts when we see who God is and how much He graces us.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When have you been really motivated to do something great? (ex: go work out, get a certain grade, sacrifice for a family member, save money, etc..)
2. What happens when your motivation to change comes from yourself “trying harder”? What do you do when you inevitably fail?
3. Have you ever wanted to meet somebody famous? (celebrity, athlete, politician) How do you think you would respond upon meeting them? How do you think our response should be when we meet somebody “larger than life?” Relate that back to our experience with the LORD.
4. How does the fact that your reason for change comes from Christ change your thinking? Does it restrict you or free you? Share some personal experiences.
5. Define the word *legalism*. What does it imply/mean to you?
6. Inevitably, we will fail, even upon seeing Christ as holy. What can we do to encourage each other if/when we fail, so that our motivation flows out of grace rather than legalism?

CLOSING THOUGHTS

God is holy. We look at His greatness, for he is indeed greater than any other thing in this universe. But also we look at the fact, that despite being so set apart and grand, He had mercy on us and chose to accept us in His eyes ONLY because of what Jesus Christ, the God who became man, did for us on the cross. We are made new with Him as He is risen. Let us look to Him this week.

“You shall be holy to me, for I the LORD a, holy and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be mine.” – Leviticus 20:26