

Examine My Motives

Father, examine me.
When I share Your Word with people,
 what are my motives?
When I speak in Your name,
 what hopes truly drive me?

Am I hoping to feed my hungry ego?
Further my career?
Fatten my pocketbook?

Unlike so many, we do not peddle the word of God for profit. On the contrary, in Christ we speak before God with sincerity, as those sent from God. (2 Corinthians 2:17, NIV)

Am I hoping to gain from them, or
will I eagerly spend and be spent for them?

I will very gladly spend for you everything I have and expend myself as well. (2 Corinthians 12:15a, NASB)

Even if I am being poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice. (Philippians 2:17, NASB)

Am I a smart business person seeking their money, or
am I a shepherd laying down my life for the sheep?

Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well. (1 Thessalonians 2:8, NIV)

In my heart, are they a “market,” sources of profit, or
are they souls for whom Christ died?

I endure all things for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus and with it eternal glory. (2 Timothy 2:10, NASB)

Hymn: *One in Purpose, One in Passion*

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