

Establishing a God-Centered Motivation 1 Sam 17

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I. Introduction:

A. We are called to be “_____”. Acts 13:22, 15:8, Php 2:13.

II. IDF: 1 Samuel 17:20-30, 45-47.

A. I.D.F. (Israel’s Army) was:

1. Strong and valiant—at least some of them were). (1 Sam. 14:52)
2. Victorious (1 Sam. 15:4-8)
3. Armed (1 Sam. 15:8)
4. Trained and Commissioned (1 Sam. 17: 2).
5. Incentivized (1 Sam 17:25).

a) _____: *Enriched with great riches!*

b) _____: *A celebrity--Married to a movie star!*

c) _____: *Father’s house free in Israel!*

6. _____ and _____. (17:11,24) What? What about:

.....Jos 1:9 Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God *is* with thee whithersoever thou goest.

7. Their motivation was not _____ !

B. Riches, fame, and power do not do you any good if you are _____ !
The soldier’s _____ was too high a price to pay for his own _____.

III. David:

A. Grocery delivery boy fresh from the farm (17:17-18)

1. Incentivized:

a) _____: *Removing the reproach from Israel! (v. 26)*
(What shall be done...)

b) _____: *That the world may know that there is a God in Israel! (v. 46)*

c) _____: *That this assembly may know...(47)*

2. Fearless !?! Maybe, but.....

a) *David knew God was with him (1 Sam 17:36-36).*

b) *His motivation was worth dying for!*

3. God’s glory, Mission, and People are worth everything. David’s life was not too high a price to pay for _____ !

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IV. Summary:

1. _____ Motivations, will result in fear and inactivity, not in spiritual victory---Those that know they should act, are hesitant to do so. Conflicted!
2. _____ Motivations result in a “Whatever the mission requires” attitude. There is no cost too high to see God glorified, souls saved, and the church edified. This results in those who know they should act, and do so.

V. Our motives: Who will be at the Center?

A. Self?

1. Riches? 1 Ti 6:9-10, 2 Co 8:9
2. Fame? Php 2:2-3, 5-7
3. Power/Autonomy? Php 2:8

B. God?

1. Removing Reproaches from God’s People? Php 2:15, 2 Co 6:3
2. That the world may know that there is a God? Php 2:15-16
3. That this assembly may know that the battle is the Lord’s and he will give it into our hands? Php 2:19, 25

C. Do not let Php 2:21 be true of _____.

1. We must seek the things of the Lord.
 - a) God _____ be glorified.
 - b) The world _____ know there is a God here.
 - c) The church _____ be edified.

D. Examining our motivations:

1. Actively: Seek after ways to glorify God, evangelize, and edify the body. Somebody has to do this. The mission must be accomplished!
2. Reactively: When confronted with a decision, ask yourself, “What is best for the ministry?”

Notes:

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