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**Motives**

1 John 4:6-8 We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error. 7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loves is born of God, and knoweth God. 8 He that loves not knoweth not God; for God is love. (KJV)

What really motivates you today? If it is anything other than a true love for the Lord then you will not make any progress in your walk. Many miss out on the true meaning of salvation and that is why they cannot hear the Lord or His people who are presenting His truth in love.

Ephesians 4:11-15 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ: 14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; 15 But speaking the truth in love may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: (KJV)

Many that are running corporations and companies are those that started from the ground floor before they were put into a position of leadership; and the Lord will not call you to any of the positions listed in verse 11 until you mature spiritually which is what perfecting is referring to in verse 12. You will need to have the right motive based on love so that you are not reacting like a child, throwing a tantrum every time you run into opposition, rather you can encourage others by speaking the truth in love.

1 John 4:16-19 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God and God in him. 17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the Day of Judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. 19 We love him, because he first loved us. (KJV)

Many times I have heard people say they have found God. However, truth be known, God found you because you were the one who was lost, not Him. You will find a perfect, mature love when entering His kingdom, one that gets rid of fear and torment. A true love for the Lord will go a long way towards casting down and getting rid of all those old imaginations that you used to fall for.

1 Corinthians 13:8-10 Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there are tongues, they shall cease; whether there is knowledge, it shall vanish away. 9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. 10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. (KJV)

Charity means love, a motive that never fails. We have all heard many versions of things based on mans’ thinking, and not on facts. Once you have a perfect understanding of the love of God then all those old doubts and fears just fade away.

God bless dearly loved, and have a prosperous day in Christ Jesus our Lord.