

man beholding his natural face in a mirror: for he beholds himself, and goes away, and straightway forgets what manner of man he was” (James 1:22–24).

“Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 2:3–5).

It’s not just that we do the right thing; it’s *why* we do the right thing that matters to God. Are we trying to please God or men? Motivation changes everything!



Announcements

Those Seeking Supplications

Bryan Bailey, Sr. * Linda Bailey * Dorothy Brasiel * Jo Byrnes * Betty Cannon * Joyce Coones * Sleatha Gore * Essielene Henderson * Ethel Jones * Faye Kilpatrick * Randy McElroy * Gary Ogden

Group 3: Young People’s Group

Is scheduled to meet at the home of Sammy & Sally Smith, next Saturday, February 21 @ 4:00 PM. If you are coming, please RSVP with Sammy or Sally.

Gospel Meeting Beginning Next Sunday

Trenton congregation * February 22–27 * Don Hooton of Montgomery, Texas, preaching. 7:30 PM every night.

This Week’s Birthdays

Jonathan Spann (Wednesday) * Tristan Spann (Wednesday)

Chiefland Church of Christ

Meeting at 211 NE 2nd Street in *beautiful* Chiefland, Florida
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THINGS ABOVE

“Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth”

—[Colossians 3:1–2]—

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A Spiritually Safe Home

By Greg Gwin

It’s a simple fact that I can’t do everything, but there are some things that I definitely can do and, with God’s help, I will. For instance, I can make certain that spiritual dangers are removed from my home.

The world is full of various kinds of temptations — and many of these are finding their way into our homes. In fact, the Devil has a whole array of new and very powerful enticements. For instance, television and radio are relatively new inventions, and Satan has seized upon them as a means of promoting evil. The movie indus-

try continues to crank out films full of moral filth that corrupt people's minds — which is exactly what Satan desires. The Internet is a brand new weapon in his arsenal, and he has succeeded in making it a super effective way to tempt both young and old.

What can I do in the face of all these dangers?

There is little hope of changing the trends in the modern media. Things are bad and they are likely to get worse, not better. But, I *can* control these things in my own home.

- ◆ I can carefully monitor what I allow myself and my family to view on TV.
- ◆ I can be more cautious about the music that is played.
- ◆ I can make hard and fast rules about the types of movies that will be watched.
- ◆ I can keep a strict and constant check on how the Internet is being used.

God's Word charges me with providing for the well being of my family (1 Timothy 5:8). If I don't protect them from spiritual dangers, I have failed them. This is important, and I must work at it. With God's help I will!



Motivation

By Jamey Hinds

The root word of *motivation* is motive. So, what's our motive? What motivates us to do what we do the way we do it? I would suggest that motivation is imperative to our pleasing God.

Jesus said, "But the hour comes, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth: for such doth the Father seek to be his worshippers. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship in spirit and truth" (John 4:23–24). It's not just "that we worship," or that we are offering something to God that we call worship; it's the motivation that's key. Again, motive proves itself imperative. Motivation is the why behind the what!

In another place, the apostle Paul wrote, "And whatsoever ye do, in word or in deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. ... Servants, obey in all things them that are your masters according to the flesh; not with eye-service, as men-pleasers, but in singleness of heart, fearing the Lord: whatsoever you do, work heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; knowing that from the Lord you shall receive the reward of the inheritance: you serve the Lord Christ" (Colossians 3:17, 22–24).

And I like how the apostle John put it: "Little children, let us not love in word, neither with the tongue; but in deed and truth" (1 John 3:18). If our motives are right — putting others before ourselves — then we won't just talk about doing good things, we'll actually be doers! "Be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deluding your own selves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a