

***Ingredient 3, Stewardship - 1 Corinthians 6:19-20***  
**Notes, Family Worship, Bible Reading**

**Notes from the Sermon**

What determines what you do on a daily basis? Do you have a copious, serious, strict calendar? Do you just fly by the seat of your pants, taking whatever curve the road gives you? Somewhere in the middle? Perhaps you are a kid reading this, and you are like, "Bro, my parents tell me what to do." That's fair, totally understand.

Strangely, I would imagine that the typical, "Sunday" attendee of most churches don't give a ton of thought to what motivates how they live their life. They certainly make plans, they follow their careers and hobbies and kids, but I would imagine many never stop to think and ponder deeply, "What is the inner motivation for what I am doing?"

This sermon series, dealing with how to make disciples and make that truly serious effort to form mature Christians who are reaching the nations and neighbors for Christ, ultimately asks the very question I am posing above. If we aren't careful, we forget rather quickly that we are "not our own but are bought with a price" (1 Corinthians 6) and belong to Christ. That has gigantic consequences for our life, and ultimately means that all our life cannot be strategically planned out from A to Z, and we cannot just live on whims alone, but we must take and submit every area of our life to the Gospel and say, "I am not my own, but belong body and soul to God."

The Heidelberg Catechism Question 1 sums up the scriptures here when it tells us that very thing, asking "What is my only comfort in life and death?" and answering, "That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ." Before Christ, our inner motivation is whatever makes us "happy" at the time, sinful and rebellious in heart that we are. But after Christ, we must be disciplined and be taught, from the scriptures, that all of life, including our time, our talents and gifts, our possessions, where we go to college, our careers, and everything else you can think of are all decisions that belong to God, because we belong to Him. Our body and soul, all of us, must have the Kingdom and Eternity in mind as we live, decide, and walk out the remainder of our days.

This mind set isn't natural to us, however, and I think we all know this and therefore struggle with living Gospel-centered lives. However, we also know that Christ helps us through the Holy Spirit, and we are charged as His people to disciple others, and ourselves be disciplined, to live this way.

When we take every decision seriously with the Kingdom in mind, when we lay everything at the foot of the cross knowing that there are no such thing as accidents or coincidences, we will find ourselves living more purposeful lives filled with opportunities to share the Gospel with our neighbors and with the nations. Why is that the natural outcome? Because Christ WILL build His church, He will be triumphant, and He will establish His kingdom, which will reign forever and ever!

## **Bible Reading for the Week**

### Daily Bible Readings

Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
2 Corinthians 4	2 Corinthians 5	2 Corinthians 6	2 Corinthians 7	2 Corinthians 8	2 Corinthians 9	2 Corinthians 10

Reading from this past week: I Corinthians 6:19-20

Reading in preparation for this coming Sunday: Psalm 119:9-16

### **Family Worship**

Song - *I am Not My Own*

<https://youtu.be/zeEznQWhGdA?si=GUJszBWWkSLXMKaU>

#### Gospel Project

Unit: Peter's Ministry

Story: Peter Confronted Sin

Big Picture Question: Why does God command Christians to tell others about Jesus?

Answer: We tell others about Jesus so they will hear and believe the good news.

Scripture: Acts 4-5

#### New City Catechism

Question 8: What is the Law of God stated in the 10 Commandments

Answer: You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony. You shall not covet.

Verse: Exodus 20:3

#### Scripture

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

- What does it mean to be a steward?
- Should a church talk about how I give and use my money and possessions?
- How would our attitudes about our lives, talents, possessions and finances change if we actually believed they belonged to God and we were just managers of His stuff?
- Why is generosity such an important part of our Christian discipleship?

#### Prayer

\*Pray that would learn that we are not our own, but belong wholly to God, and as a result we would live lives of generosity.

\*Spend time confessing your sin and the sins of our culture to the God who forgives.