

# The Mission and Motivation of the Minister

The Drives and Duties of Those who SERVE, 1 Timothy 6:11-16 Chris Mueller 2-18-2018

## Introduction:

11 But flee from these things, you man of God, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance and gentleness. 12 Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

13 I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who testified the good confession before Pontius Pilate, 14 that you keep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 which He will bring about at the proper time—He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, 16 who alone possesses immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see. To Him be honor and eternal dominion! Amen.

## #1 The MISSION of the minister – a great CALLING 11-12

### 1<sup>st</sup> The minister F\_\_\_\_\_ 11a

11 But flee from these things, you man of God

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; 17 so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

Acts 20 I have coveted no ones silver or gold or clothes.

1 Thessalonians 2 worked day and night so as not to be a burden to any of you.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> The minister F\_\_\_\_\_ 11b

11b and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance and gentleness

2 Timothy 2:2 Now flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> The minister F\_\_\_\_\_ 12a

12a Fight the good fight of faith

### 4<sup>th</sup> The minister is F\_\_\_\_\_ minded 12b

12b take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

Philippians 3:20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 10:32 ...everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven. 33 But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven. Romans 10:9 ...if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

## #2 The MOTIVATION of the minister – a greater CHRIST 13-16

### 1<sup>st</sup> Motivated by God's \_\_\_\_\_ 13a

13a I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Motivated by Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ 13b

13b who testified the good confession before Pontius Pilate

**John 18:33** Therefore Pilate ...summoned Jesus and said to Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?" 34 Jesus answered, "Are you saying this on your own initiative, or did others tell you about Me?" 35 Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests delivered You to me; what have You done?" 36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm." 37 Therefore Pilate said to Him, "So You are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say correctly that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Motivated by Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ 14

**14 that you keep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ**

**1 John 3:2** Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. 3 And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Motivated by God's \_\_\_\_\_ 15

**15 which He will bring about at the proper time—He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords**

**Genesis 50:20** As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive.

**Proverbs 21:1** The king's heart is like channels of water in the hand of the LORD; He turns it wherever He wishes.

### 5<sup>th</sup> Motivated by God's \_\_\_\_\_ 16

**16 who alone possesses immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see. To Him be honor and eternal dominion! Amen.**

**John 5:26** Jesus says, The Father has life in Himself

**1 Samuel 2:2** There is no one Holy like the Lord.

**Hebrews 13:6** ...THE LORD IS MY HELPER, I WILL NOT BE AFRAID. WHAT WILL MAN DO TO ME?

## QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH IN CHRIST

1. Why is it so important for the Christian to FLEE and FIGHT? Why both?
2. What does it look like practically for the everyday believer to follow Christ and be future-minded?
3. What are some of the errant motivations for ministry for the Christian, and how do you avoid them?
4. Of the motivations listed above, which one is most motivating to you and why?
5. Describe how God's character keeps the believer motivated in their Christian life and ministry.
6. What prevents a regular believer from being motivated to serve Christ passionately?
7. What specific and practical changes will you make on the basis of these verses?

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