Motivation for Service: Love

There are people who make a living motivating others. We have life coaches, diet gurus, investment counselors, personal trainers and coaches in every sport imaginable. All these masters of motivation have one thing in common: their expertise is focused directly upon the desires of their clients.

If God could motivate, how great would his influence be upon HIS clients? Only God can take rebels and motivate them to willingly bow the knee in reverence to him. Only God can take a people who once cared only for selfish ambition and move them to reach out to others. The beauty of God’s motivating power is that he motivates from within by new creation in the heart of all who have put their faith in him. Paul says that “Christ’s love compels us.” Then Paul went on to say,

*“He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves, but for him who died for them and was raised again” (2 Corinthians 5:15).*

Everyone can be motivated and everyone is motivated. The miracle of God’s motivation is that he works from the inside. He transforms our hearts to be more and more like his. The love of Christ, who gave himself for us, compels us to give of ourselves.

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**2 Corinthians 5:11-15**

11 THE FEAR OF GOD

12-13 THE PURPOSE OF GOD

14-15 THE LOVE OF GOD

 ▪ Christ’s love

 Romans 5:6-8

 ▪ Christ’s sacrifice

 Romans 5:18-19; 6:3-8

 ▪ Christ’s calling