

Doctrine of Gospel Motives

1. There are several gospel motives to encourage righteousness and the doing of what is right in a given moment.
 - The will of God. *“For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication” (1 Thessalonians 4:3).*
 - The love of Christ. *Romans 8:37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.*
 - The desire to not grieve the Holy Spirit or quench Him. *1 Thessalonians 5:19 Quench not the Spirit. Ephesians 4:30 And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.*
 - The longing not to abuse grace. *Romans 6:1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? 2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?*
 - The desire to have a pure conscience. *1 Timothy 3:9 Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.*
 - In order not to suppress the truth. God has promised to write His law upon the heart of His people to guide them in every moment of life. *Hebrews 8:10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: 11 And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest. 12 For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.*

2. The truth of the matter is that it takes more effort for the Christian to do wrong than it does to do right. In order to do wrong the Christian must believe the lie of the Enemy, suppress the truth, violate the conscience, grieve the Holy Spirit, forget the love of Christ and His death and determine to yield the body as an instrument to Satan.