

# MAPS: Motivation

As believers, we are *in* the world but not *of* the world. To be certain of our personal motivation, we need to view it from a human as well as a Christian perspective. We can then explore our own unique passions and apply them in ways that are meaningful.

## Human Motivation

What are some of the general sources of motivation for people everywhere?

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Which of the above “triggers” have you experienced in your own life?

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## Christian Motivation

What does scripture tell us about what should motivate believers?

- Loving the Lord – *And 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. 2Cor 5:15*
- Loving others – *For none of us lives to himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone.*

Romans 14:7

Note some specific examples of service motivated by love that you have seen or heard about at SPBC:

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## Your Own Motivation

Understanding your motivation begins with considering questions about yourself:

- What personal accomplishment gave you the most satisfaction?
- For what would you be willing to take the highest risk?
- What would others say is your greatest passion?
- What subject would keep you in a long conversation?
- What issues or causes do you feel strongly about?
- If you could do anything for God, what would it be?

## Motivated to Serve

Your motivation/passion indicates *where* you are best suited to serve. There is little value in serving where you have no interest or passion. The key is to link what inspires you to where there is a need.

- *God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them to serve one another.*

1 Peter 4:10

Just as we have different abilities, personalities, and spiritual gifts, each of us has been given a unique motivation or passion. Although it may change with the seasons of our lives, our motivation is there for a reason. Let your unique motivation combine with love for the Lord and other people to serve in ways that fulfill you and bless others!