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About Motive

Michael W. McLemore

In thermodynamics, motive power is a natural agent, such as water or steam, wind or electricity, used to impart motion to machinery such as an engine. In kind, MOTIVE is the natural agent to effect movement in one direction or another in life. Motive reminds of me of a story heard some years ago.

It seems a young somewhat prideful cowboy was riding his horse one day when he spied a hunched-over old farm hand on a mule. Deciding to have a little fun, the young cowboy drew his six-shooter and told the old man to get down off his mule. He then asked the old man "if he had ever danced" and began to empty his revolver at his feet with great laughter.

The old man slowly turned back to his mule (unamused) and put his hand into his pack and drew a shotgun, aimed it at the now bulletless young cowboy and said, "Did you ever kiss a mule?"

To which the young cowboy said with fright, "No, but I have always wanted to!"

In life there is nothing like a bullet for motiva-

tion. But, few of us will ever have our life threatened as motivation. Still, the story does cause me to ask, "What is it that provides you with the motivation to serve the Lord daily?"

Perhaps you are motivated by the fear of punishment if you don't. It's a valid motive -- that's why Jesus told us about hell. Or perhaps you are motivated by the hope of reward. Again, it's a valid motive -- that's why Jesus told us about heaven.

But I would suggest to you that there is an even higher motive and that is to serve God out of a love and appreciation for all that He has done for us, a sense of duty.

As a parent, that's what I hoped for my children. At times they obeyed me to avoid punishment or to gain some reward I had promised them. Today, I'm thrilled that they grew to listen to me simply because they loved and respected me as a father. "We love Him because He first loved us," 1 John 4:19.

Whatever your motivation, may you give your life wholly to God this day! ☐

Just a Thought

Don Truex



Just a thought. Let's never lose sight of the fact that our "adversary the devil" is the only one happy about the racial, political and medical division in our world. Why? Because he wants "to steal and kill and destroy" anything good.

Could it be that Christians sometimes forget that when we take Satan out of the equation, we lose our perspective about what's happening in the world, what we're to be about in the world, and how we are to treat others in the world?

If we don't put Satan back in the picture, we'll look at others and see them as the enemy ... which is exactly what the devil wants.

Satan wants to pull us apart. God wants to bring us together. Every time you embrace kind conversation, meaningful dialogue, and kind actions toward those different than you -- different political party, different race, different age, different nationality, different medical views -- you declare to the "rulers of this world" and to "the devil and his angels" that the power of the gospel is greater than the power of darkness. You declare that what unites us is greater than what divides us.

We are being pulled apart in this world by

politics and medicine and race and age and language and country of birth. We need to think carefully, Is the attitude I have, the word I speak, the thought I post, the behavior I exhibit, does it reflect Jesus and the command to "live at peace" and "give no offence"?

Or does it do exactly what the Devil wants to happen in this world and in the church, that is, create an environment where ill-will and division can thrive and prosper.

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You don't have to attend every argument to which you're invited. Agreement on everything in life isn't necessary to relationship. We're different politically, socially, racially, economically and nationally. Jesus dealt with people who were different in all those areas and He did it correctly, kindly, compassionately, forgivingly and endlessly.

And so, let me ask again, do your words, attitudes, actions and Facebook posts mirror the attitude of Jesus ... or the devil who wants to divide brethren and this world even further?

Again, if we don't name the enemy in the room and acknowledge his efforts "to steal and kill and destroy," then we'll have no one left to fight except each other. Surely, surely, surely we're better than that. ☐

Watch LIVE!



FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



FAMILY UPDATES

Prayers:

Wes & Megan Caudle have asked our family to please pray for Wes' dad, **Neal Caudle**. Neal was diagnosed with COVID on Wednesday and admitted to Crestwood Hospital with pneumonia. Fortunately he was able to go home on Thursday. He's doing pretty well, just very weak. He had an appointment at noon on Saturday. We will update his condition during morning announcements.

Betty Dubose is once again in AFIB. She had a follow-up with her primary care doctor on Friday and will see her cardiologist on Tuesday. They are hoping to control her condition with medication. **Sharon & Betty** wanted me to thank all of you for your prayers.

Peggy Childress continues to do well following her lung transplant. Your prayers are so important. Say her name to the Lord. Also, remember **Terry** as he travels to Nashville to support Peggy and to Huntsville for work.

Debbie Harbin continues to recover from COVID. Please remember her in your prayers. This will take time to put behind her. We are praying that she will continue to do well.

Maragem Harbin remains on our prayer list. She is struggling with mobility. Your prayers are appreciated.

Barry Hume suffered a set back following surgery earlier in the month. He is on the road to recovery but he has been through a lot. Please remember Barry in prayer.

Wanda Castleman needs our prayers. She struggles with chronic issues that compete for her strength and hinder mobility. Pray for

Wanda & Murray.

Zoila Herring, Mechi Hunt's sister, underwent liver surgery on Friday. Your prayers for her and her family are solicited. Following a period of recovery she will undergo a regimen of radiation, then more surgery.

Sandra Ivey, Terry Childress' mom, remains on our prayer list. Ask the Lord for her care.

Pray for those who are in assisted living facilities and memory care — **Laura Phillips, Jim Risner, Lane Roberts, Dot Summers.** ☐

Daily Prayer List:

Glenda Cavender	Melvin Godette
Laura Phillips	Dot Summers
Charlotte Hagewood	Lane Roberts
Bill Reavis	Ron Harmon

WEATHERLY UPDATES

THIS WEEK: We want to encourage you to maintain your vigilance during these uncertain days. COVID numbers seem to be coming down ever so slightly, but many are still being exposed. Maintaining a safe distance from others is one of the best defenses.

Sunday morning Bible Class begins at 9:30. Mike is continuing his series **Divided We Fall**.

Sunday morning worship begins promptly at 10. Mike's lesson today is entitled, **Adventure Motivation** and his taken from **Matthew 12:30-31**

Remember our **ZOOM Devo at 7** Sunday evening. If you haven't participated, you will benefit from giving it a try.

Wednesday our **1 Corinthians** study, **Abounding Together** continues at 7 pm. No public assembly Wednesday. ☐

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



9-20	Sophia Hunt	9-23	Dylan Craig*
9-25	LaNelle Patrick	9-28	Doris DeCelles
10-6	Henry Frazier	10-10	Karen Thompson

*Melonie Power's grandson

CHRIST IS HEAD

Michael W. McLemore

Christ is head of the church, *Ephesians 1:21-23*. The idea of authority and right to control is inherent in the term head. The meaning of the Greek word *kephale* is apparent when one considers its natural significance. As the physical head of man directs and controls his physical body, so Christ occupies the directive and controlling authority in his church. It is a metaphor for the authority and direction of Christ in reference to believing men. His will, which is in his word, is the only lawful guiding principle for all the activities of his spiritual body, the church.

The headship of Christ is singular — not dual. Christ in heaven does not share his headship with any human being upon the earth. He vies with no one. The New Testament is silent with respect to an "earthly" head of the church. Men may condone. God does not. One may as well speak of a two-headed man as to talk about two heads to the Lord's spiritual body, his church. The one a physical monstrosity, the other a spiritual monstrosity.

"Christ has all in heaven and on earth," *Matthew 28:18*. No man, no organization, no synod, no convention shares authority with Christ in matters of the church's work and worship. May God help us submit to Him who is now head of our souls. ☐

WEEKLY WALK

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TIMES OF SERVICES

Sunday Bible Classes 9:30 am
Sunday AM Assembly 10:00 am
Sunday PM Assembly Zoom 7:00 pm
Wednesday Classes Stream 7:00 pm

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Hill Roberts	Collis Terry
Bobby Wright	

Weatherly at Work

These are asked to assist in our labor.

Sunday, September 19 Sunday, September 26

Welcome:	Will Starks	Will Starks
Song Leader:	Mel Ambrose	David Jacks
Opening Prayer:	Phil Furlough	Phil Shaver
Scripture Reading:	Matthew 12:30-31	Matthew 13:18-23
Sermon:	Mike McLemore <i>Adventure Motivation</i>	Mike McLemore <i>The Goal of Life</i>
Closing Prayer:	Ron Harmon	Kirk Hatcher

Evening Worship Evening Worship

Bible Skillz	CANCELLED	CANCELLED
Songs Leader:		
Opening Prayer:	Virtual Devotion on ZOOM	Virtual Devotion on ZOOM
Closing Prayer:		

Wednesday, September 22 Wednesday, September 29

Songs Leader:		
Invitation:	Streamed Bible Study	Streamed Bible Study
Closing Prayer:		

None None

2021 Lectures Canceled

Quarterly Adult Classes July – September 2021

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

Divided We Fall
Mike McLemore

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY

First Corinthians
Mike McLemore

Serving in September

Serving on the Lord's Table AM	
** Overseer	** Bill Thomson (9-5), Ed Dill (9-12), Will Starks (9-19), Collis Terry (9-26)

Lord's Supper PM **

Communion Prep Building Lockup

