

2 Corinthians 5:9-21

1. We're motivated by the desire to please God (v. 9).

"We make it our aim to please him."

2. We're motivated by the fact that we will give an account to God (v. 10).

"We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil."

3. We're motivated by the fear of God (v. 11).

"Knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others."

4. We're motivated by the love of Christ for us (v. 14).

"The love of Christ controls us."

"He died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised" (v. 15).

5. We're motivated by the change Christ has caused in us (v. 17).

"If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."

6. We're motivated by the assignment God has given us (vv. 18-20).

"...entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us" (vv. 19-20).