

Turning the Crap of Life, Into the Fruit of the Spirit

Motivation

What makes you get up each morning? Why do you go to work? Obey the law? What motivates you?

Motivation, *n.*, To provide with an incentive; move to action; impel

What the Bible says about types of Motivation:

1. Pride

Prov 13:10

By pride comes nothing but strife, But with the well-advised is wisdom.

Prov 16:18-19

Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall. Better to be of a humble spirit with the lowly, Than to divide the spoil with the proud.

James 4:6

But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."

2. Envy

Job 5:2

For wrath kills a foolish man, And envy slays a simple one.

Prov 14:30

A sound heart is life to the body, But envy is rottenness to the bones.

1 Cor 3:3-4

For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?

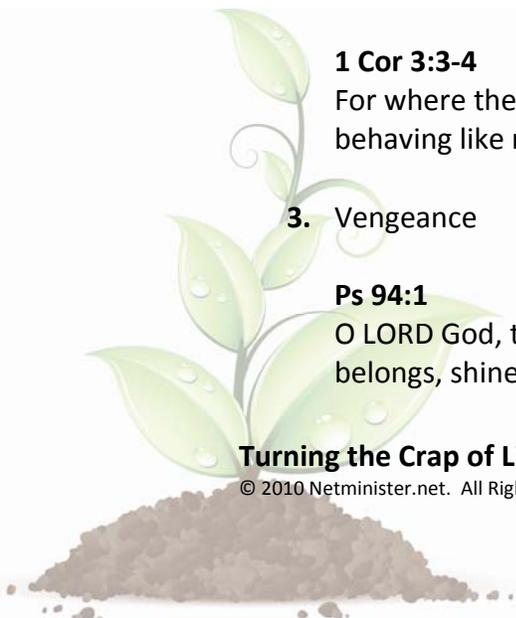
3. Vengeance

Ps 94:1

O LORD God, to whom vengeance belongs -- O God, to whom vengeance belongs, shine forth!

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Rom 12:19-20

Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord.

4. Anger

Prov 15:1

A soft answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger.

When we allow inappropriate things to motivate you; then we numb ourselves to the working of Christ in our life. Pain in our life is to show us where there is a problem, with motivations that are wrong, then we numb ourselves to the pain. While the immediate problem is done away with, we are left with the underlying problem. That problem continues to grow bringing more problems, forcing us to numb ourselves even more to deal with the pain. Eventually, we harden our hearts to the point that we no longer know the right motivation for our life. We are not moved by the plight of those around us. Unable to empathize with the needs of others, we are left trying to understand God's Will for our life without being able to see the needs of others. So what is the proper motivation for our life: LOVE

1 John 4:9-11

In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

1 John 3:18-19

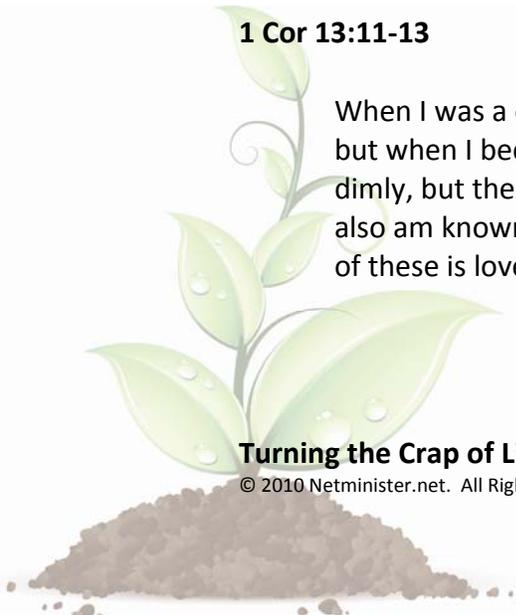
My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.

1 Cor 13:11-13

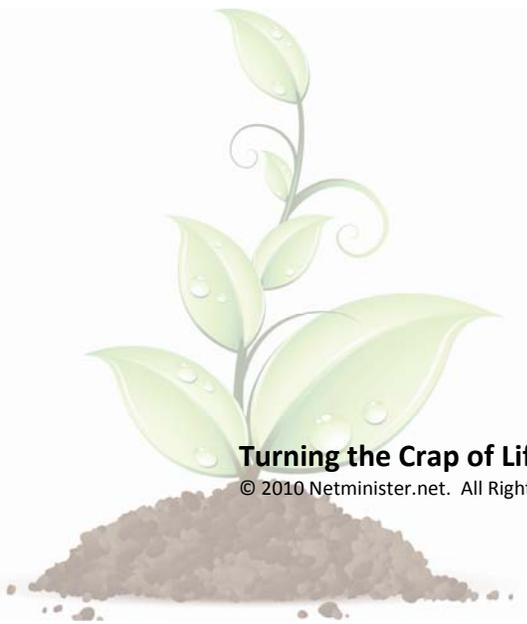
When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known. And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

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Love is the only way to renew our hearts, softening it to hear the Will of Christ. When we have love, we will have pain, we will have disappointment and trouble with people around us. But only with the Love of Christ can we see people, events and circumstances with the eyes of Christ.



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