

“Not Willing That Any should Perish”

2 Peter 3:9

Because of the Great Commission given by Jesus, men and women go all over the world preaching the good news of God’s saving grace. This also means disciples participate in the “sending” of these missionaries. What motivates those who go, and those who send?

10 Motives to Participation in Sending and Supporting Missionaries:

1. So the gospel can be preached “without charge” to those hearing – 1 Corinthians 9:18; 2 Corinthians 11:7-9
2. To take care of the missionary’s needs – Philippians 2:25
3. God does not expect the missionary to serve at his/her own expense – 1 Corinthians 9:3-10
4. Teachers have a right to support – Galatians 6:6; 1 Corinthians 9:11
5. We are concerned & have the opportunity to help – Philippians 4:10
6. It will be credited by God to the giver’s “account” – Philippians 4:17
7. Our help is “a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God” – Philippians 4:18; 2:17
8. Such giving is a grace (undeserved blessing) God has given to us – 2 Corinthians 8:1
9. It is not about ability but giving ourselves – 2 Corinthians 8:2-5
10. God is not desirous that any perish... do we have His heart? – 2 Peter 3:9

7 Motives of the Missionary:

1. Christ’s love for us and others compels – 2 Corinthians 5:14
2. Christ has committed to us the ministry of reconciliation – 2 Corinthians 5:19
3. Willing to endure any situation for the sake of gospel – Philippians 4:11-13
4. Compelled – 1 Corinthians 9:16
5. A stewardship has been entrusted to us – 1 Corinthians 9:17
6. The call to missions is a grace given to us by God – Ephesians 3:8
7. We are servants of Jesus with an assigned task – 1 Corinthians 3:5-10

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