

# THE Big 3

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TITLE: Why It's Hard to Motivate People to Live on Mission

If you have found it hard to move people to change or to consistently serve others, or find it difficult and frustrating to motivate people to reorient their lives around discipleship and missional living, versus a consumeristic experience of church...

Here are three key things to believe and consider about motivating people...

1. **Carrot and Stick motivators are the opposite of the Good News of the Gospel.** These fall far short of being gospel-motivated or presenting grace-based perspectives that could and do bring about real, lasting heart-level motivation and changes. The type of change that we, as leaders, don't have to continually babysit, reapply, or ramp up. True gospel-motivation brings *implication* about who God is, what he has done in and through Jesus, and what is now true of us. All of this changes us from the inside out.
2. **Remember**, the Legalist says, "You *should* or *shouldn't* do this or that..." The Gospel says, "You *need not* do that... or you *get to* do this, because you have a great, glorious, good, and gracious Father who cares for you and desires a relationship with you *regardless* of what you do. Making disciples is a lifestyle that we *get to* live as we participate in God's eternal plan to fill the world with his glory!
3. **Make a list of the people, situations, or challenges you are seeking to change in your life.** In what ways have you been trying to motivate change up until this point? What have your words sounded like? Are you frustrated with these people because they are not submitting to your false sense of sovereignty... "*These people just won't change!*" Perhaps, it may be you and your approach that needs to change.

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**Caesar**