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TOPIC: MOTIVES AND THE HEART
STUDY III: MORE ON TYPES OF MOTIVES WITH EXAMPLES
TEXTS: GALATIANS 5:19-23, JEREMIAH 29:11

INTRODUCTION:

In our previous study, we saw the types of motives with emphasis laid on bad motives. Today, we shall be looking at good motives with Biblical examples for clear illustrations.

EXAMPLES OF BIBLICAL PERSONALITIES WITH GOOD MOTIVES:

1. **God is the greatest example of a personality with a good motive.** Little wonder Jeremiah 29:11 says, *“I know the thoughts that I think towards you, says the Lord. The thoughts of good and not of evil, to give you an expected end”*
God always has good motives behind every action He takes towards His children. Though they may come in painful and hurting ways, they yield good results eventually.
Prov. 27:6 says, *“Faithful are the wounds of a friend but the kisses of an enemy is deceitful”*
We can see an example of the above scripture in the life of Jacob who was wounded during a night of wrestling with God from whom he demanded a blessing. How did God respond to that prayer? He responded by giving Jacob a ‘wound of the faithful’ and changed his name and lifestyle.
2. **King Solomon is another example of a personality with good motives** (I kings 3:3-9) - The Bible records concerning him of how he offered a thousand burnt offerings to the Lord. When a torch light was flashed at the motive behind his giving, it was revealed that:
 - a. Solomon loved the Lord (vs. 3)
 - b. He appreciated God’s favour (vs. 7a)

- c. He was nothing in his own eyes (vs. 7b)
 - d. He saw God's assignment as a great honour (vs. 8)
 - e. He wanted the best for God's people (vs. 9)
3. **Reuben is another example of someone with a good motive.** In Gen. 37:21-22, when there was a conspiracy by the brothers of Joseph to kill him, Reuben suggested otherwise. Reuben told his brothers to throw Joseph inside a waterless pit as an alternative to killing him. There was a motive behind his suggestion. His motive was to come back to rescue Joseph and deliver him to his father.

CONCLUSION:

As children of God, we must always weigh our motives in whatever we do. If the Holy Spirit convicts us at any time that our motives are wrong, then we must draw back to examine ourselves and set our motives right before taking any action.