

WHAT DRIVES YOU?

God made men to be leaders. We are made for this position and for this time.

What drives us determines what we do.

The question is not whether you're being driven. The question is: What is driving you?

I EVERYONE IS DRIVEN BY SOMETHING

PROVERBS 16:2 NIV

All a person's ways seem pure to them, but motives are weighed by the LORD.

We may think we're making independent decisions, but something is influencing our choices.

What can drive us?

Desire — "I want it."

Fear — "What if I lose it?"

Pride — "I know what's best."

Approval — "What will people think?"

Success — "I need to prove myself."

Comfort — "I don't want to be challenged."

What should drive a Godly Man?

God's will — "Not my will, but Yours." (Luke 22:42)

II ADAM WAS DRIVEN BY SELF

GENESIS 3:6 NKJV

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

Adam's failure wasn't simply about eating fruit. At the heart of the story was a decision:

"Will I trust God, or will I choose what I want?"

Adam was driven by three things:

1. **Appetite** *"What do I want?"* (good for food, pleasant to the eyes)
2. **Ambition** *"I want to be like God."* (desirable to make one wise)
3. **Autonomy** *"I want to decide for myself."* (decision made)

The tragedy of Adam: Adam chose **his will** over **God's Word**. When confronted, he shifted the blame.

Even if we don't say it out loud, we blame: our circumstances, our upbringing, our spouse, our boss, our environment — everybody except ourselves.

Let's not relegate God to the position of passenger in our lives when He gave us the position of power! (Acts 10:38)

III JESUS WAS DRIVEN BY THE WILL OF THE FATHER

LUKE 2:49 KJV

How is it that ye sought me? Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?

JOHN 6:38

For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

Satan came to Jesus with the same basic temptation he used on Adam:

"Put yourself first." (Matthew 4:1–11)

Jesus was not driven by appetite. Not by pride. Not by possessions.
Jesus was driven by **what is written — the will of the Father**.

ADAM	JESUS
Had everything he needed Still chose disobedience Driven by self-will Disobedience → condemnation	Gave his entire life Chose obedience completely Driven by the Father's will Obedience → righteousness and life

IV WHAT DRIVES YOU WILL DETERMINE WHAT YOU DO

When I'm driven by **fear**: I make decisions to protect myself. Many lies are told because of fear.

When I'm driven by **pride**: I have to be right. The very thought of being wrong makes me tense.

When I'm driven by **anger**: I react before I listen — to them or to God.

When I'm driven by **money**: My worth becomes attached to what I have.

When I'm driven by **approval**: I may compromise to keep people happy.

But when I am driven by God: You obey even when obedience costs you something.

V THE CROSS REVEALS WHAT DROVE JESUS

HEBREWS 12:2

...looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Jesus was not driven by comfort. Not by popularity. Not by applause. Not by self-preservation.

He was driven by love and obedience.

Ask yourself:

- *What drives me when nobody is watching?*
- *What drives me when I am offended?*
- *What drives me when I am tempted?*
- *What drives me when God says something I don't want to hear?*
- *What drives me when obedience becomes uncomfortable?*
- *What drives me when doing the right thing has a high flesh cost?*

VI WE HAVE A CHOICE EVERY DAY

ROMANS 5:19

For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

ACTS 10:38

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power; who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

Adam was driven by what he wanted. Jesus was driven by what the Father wanted.

The question isn't just, ***"What am I doing?"***

The question is, ***"What is driving you to do it?"***

I am a Godly Man.

As a man of God, obedience to the will of God is the driving force
for every word I speak and every action I take.

2 Corinthians 10:3–6 · Luke 22:42 · Acts 10:38

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