“Motivated By The Master!”
Philippians 2:3-11
Finding **Balance**, Not Burnout

In Commitment

**Opportunities at hand**
Annual recruiting by Nominating Committee
S.S. teachers
Committee responsibilities

**Key phrases in the Philippians passage:**
“He emptied Himself”
“He took the form of a bondservant”
“He humbled Himself”
Adopting A Servant’s Lifestyle
Philippians 2 – “Have this attitude!”

“Do nothing from selfishness”
“empty conceit”

“Do not look after just your interests, but also for the interests of others…”

“with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself...”
Key: Moving from **External** Motivations to **INTERNAL** Motivation

...from “have to” to “want to”
...from “must” to “get to…”

“I desire to do Your will, O my God; Your law is within my heart” (Psalm 40:8).

“Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you” (Psalm 73:25).
Jesus Stated His Motivation

“My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to finish His work” (John 4:34).

"I glorified You on the earth, having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do” (John 17:4).
1. Your Opportunity to Serve Jesus!

“And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward” (Matthew 10:42).

“to the extend you’ve done it to the least of these my brothers...” (Matthew 25:40).

Serving **His Body** is serving **Him**.
2. Serving Jesus **Always**
   Presents a Cross

"If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me”

(Mathew 16:24)

Romans 12:1-2 – “...a living sacrifice...”

This is **NOT** new for one whose pilgrimage with Jesus has begun at the foot of the cross!
Christian Life Is NOT About Fitting Jesus In!

“Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you” (Matthew 6:33).

It's about obeying Him as Lord!
3. What Doesn’t Work For Motivation

**Guilt** - Bad result; you’re to blame! Results in shame, failure, distance from Jesus

**Legalism** – you MUST do this, no matter!

**Anger** – Shepherds lead by example, not outbursts of anger – Galatians 6:7 – reap / sow

**Intimidation, threats** – 1 Peter 5:2-3
4. When Godly Motivation Works ...

ID, use your spiritual gifts
Tapping into your passion
Accepting a life-long calling vs. “filling a slot” for a while...

Love and gratitude: for God – for one another – investing in eternity
John 14:21
Stirring One Another Up in Good Works Hebrews 10:24-25

“And let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds” (Heb. 10:24).

Q: how much do I know about my brothers and sisters? Well enough to know their strengths?
Q: what can I do to encourage them?
Q: are there needs I see that can be met by someone I know?