

What's Your Motivation?

Read each situation below, stopping to answer each question before proceeding.

1. Edward's mother asked him to clean his room. Edward could clean his room fearing that he will face punishment if he does not, or he could clean his room because he loves his mother and wants to make her happy.

How will Edward's motivation affect the job that he does?

If Edward cleans his room out of fear of punishment, he may do the job with resentment, which may cause him to do a poor job. If he cleans his room to please his mother, he is more likely to be happy about cleaning his room, thus doing a better job.



2. Rob's grandmother, who is on a fixed income, asked him if he would cut her grass this summer. Rob could tell her he will take the job if the price is right, or he could freely cut the grass to help his grandmother lovingly.

How will Rob's motivation affect both his and his grandmother's outlook on life?

If Rob's motivation is love rather than money, his act of kindness will show his grandmother that he truly loves her. Loving relationships will help both of them lead more fulfilled lives, something that money could never buy.

3. This summer, Sally has the opportunity to go on a mission trip to help teach children about Jesus. If Sally goes on the mission trip, she will not be able to go to dance camp.

How will Sally's motivation affect her decision?

If Sally puts the children's needs before her own, she will demonstrate Christ's love to them. Sharing the Gospel with others can affect their lives for eternity, while selfish decisions will eventually close her heart to the needs of others.



In all things let love be your motivation.