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Introduction

My book is a practical, spiritual guide for Apostolic Pentecostal believers who desire motivation that is both The Lord Jesus Christ-centered and life-transforming. Motivation here is not mere self-help: it is zeal born of relationship with The Lord Jesus Christ born of the water and the spirit Acts 2:38 Experience , the Baptism in the Holy Ghost and fire with the evidence of speaking in tongues and water baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ for the remission of sins , disciplined by scripture, and expressed in faithful service. The aim is to equip unmotivated-a motivated Apostolic Pentecostal believer in every area of life—personal devotion, family, work, leadership, and ministry—so you walk in spiritual power and kingdom success.

Chapter 1 — Foundations of Apostolic Pentecostal Motivation

- Divine purpose: Each believer is created with a God-given purpose. Discovering and owning that purpose gives direction and enduring motivation.
- Jesus is Holy Spirit he is your source: Motivation in our tradition flows from his spirit (ruach). Prayerful dependence invites empowerment, boldness, and fruit.
- Community and fellowship: Church life provides

encouragement, correction, accountability, and opportunities to exercise gifts. Motivation grows in relationship, not in isolation.

Chapter 2 — Spirit-Shaped Goals and Daily Practices

- Spirit-shaped SMART: Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant to God’s calling, Time-bound. Examples: daily prayer time, weekly outreach, monthly mentorship meeting.
- Daily disciplines: prayer, scripture reading, worship, fasting when led, and solitude for listening. These fuel motivation.
- Devotional rhythms: begin with God each day; set small wins (Scripture, prayer, one act of service) to build momentum.
- Fasting and focused intercession: used for clarity, breakthrough, and intensified pursuit of God’s purpose.

Chapter 3 — Work, Stewardship, and Vocation as Worship

- Work as witness: Colossians 3:23 principle—do all as unto the Lord. Excellence and honesty in work glorify God and sustain motivation.
- Stewardship: manage time, talents, and resources intentionally. Invest gifts in church and marketplace.

- Entrepreneurship & ministry: use business and career as platforms for influence and service.
- Health and rest: physical rhythms (sleep, nutrition, exercise) support sustained spiritual vigor; Sabbath rest is obedience and replenishment.

Chapter 4 — Leadership, Motivation, and Influence

- Apostolic Pentecostal biblical leadership: shepherding (poimēn/ro'eh), oversight (episkopos), eldering (presbyteros). Leadership motivates by example, exhortation, and service.
- Motivational tools for leaders: vision-casting, delegation, training, and pastoral encouragement (paraklēsis).
- Developing leaders: mentor, train, and release. Motivate through responsibility and spiritual formation.
- Character and discipline: leaders model persistence, self-control, and humility (Paul's discipline metaphors).

Chapter 5 — Words of Power: Greek & Hebrew Lexicon (selected)

- Motivation-related:
- Greek ζήλος (zēlos) — zeal, fervent devotion.
- Greek προθυμία (prothumia) — eagerness/

willingness.

- Hebrew **הַמָּח / הַאֲנָקָה** (qin'ah) — zeal (context matters).
- Hebrew **רוּחַ** (ruach) — spirit/breath; source of godly motivation.
- Hebrew **הַבְּנִיָּה** (kavvanah) — intention/heart orientation.
- Success & prosperity:
 - Hebrew **צָלַח** (tsalach) — to prosper/succeed.
 - Hebrew **עוֹשֶׁה** (osher) — wealth/prosperity; **שָׂכָר** (sachar) — reward.
 - Greek **εὐδοκία** (euodia) — prosperity, a good pathway.
- Leadership:
 - Greek **ποιμήν** (poimēn) — shepherd.
 - Greek **ἐπίσκοπος** (episkopos) — overseer.
 - Hebrew **רֹעֵה** (ro'eh) — shepherd; **נָשִׂיא** (nasi) — chief.
- Laziness / Sloth (Hebrew):
 - **אַצֵּל** (atzel) — sluggard.
 - **תִּצְלִי** (atzlut) — laziness/sloth.
 - **הִצְעִי** (hit'atzel) — to become lazy.
- Use these words in teaching to root motivation in biblical language and imagery.

Chapter 6 — Parables, Fables, and Analogies for Teaching Motivation

- Biblical parables to teach:

- The Talents (Matthew 25): stewardship and productive faith.
- Wise & Foolish Virgins (Matthew 25): preparedness and vigilance.
- The Sower (Matthew 13): soil, seed, and persistence.
- Classic fables with teaching value:
- Ant and the Grasshopper: steady preparation vs. short-sighted idleness.
- Tortoise and Hare: consistent effort over sporadic bursts.
- Instructional analogies:
- Sail & Wind: you set the sail (discipline); the Spirit provides wind (power).
- Lamp & Oil: maintain spiritual fuel (prayer, Word) so your light does not go out.
- Seed & Soil: motivation depends on desire, heart-condition, and tending.

Chapter 7 — Wisdom from Proverbs and Rabbinic Insight

- Key proverbs and paraphrase application:
- Proverbs 6:6–11 (ant): learn foresight and labor.
- Proverbs 10:4: sloth leads to want; diligence brings provision.
- Proverbs 12:24; 13:4; 20:4; 21:25; 22:29; 24:30–34 — practical counsel on work, skill, and consequences of laziness.

- Rashi and Rabbinic reflections:
- Rashi on Proverbs 6:6 highlights the ant's foresight and industriousness—an exhortation to concrete action.
- Rambam (Maimonides): habit formation—ethics flow from repeated right action.
- Hasidic masters (Baal Shem Tov): small joyful acts and kavanah build spiritual momentum.
- Practical use: combine scriptural admonitions with pastoral tenderness. Teach consequences but also the transforming power of repentance and renewed devotion.

Chapter 8 — Overcoming Barriers to Motivation

- Common barriers: discouragement, spiritual dryness, distractions, negative influences, procrastination.
- Practical responses:
- Reconnect to the source: corporate worship, prayer retreats, fasting as led.
- Small consistent steps: schedule prayer, Scripture, service; measurable habits.
- Accountability: mentors, peers, and small groups.
- Environmental discipline: guard time, reduce digital noise, set boundaries.
- Renewed mind: memorize scriptures on diligence, meditate on God's faithfulness.
- Spiritual remedies: confess apathy, invite th Spirit

to rekindle zeal, pray for renewed vision.

Chapter 9 — Integrating Faith and Success in Every Area

- Faith at work: integrity, excellence, fairness. Let vocation be ministry.
- Continuous learning: invest in skills, attend workshops, seek mentors—spiritual and vocational.
- Service & outreach: active service feeds sense of purpose and sustains motivation.
- Family and relationships: lead your household by example; spiritual disciplines in family life build legacy.
- Prosperity theology balanced: honor God with stewardship, avoid greed; success often follows faithful labor under God’s blessing.

Chapter 10 — Practical Tools, Plans, and Checklists

- Daily checklist (simple):
- Morning prayer/Scripture (10–30 min)
- One devotional or study reading
- 1 act of service/encouragement
- Work done with excellence and integrity
- Evening reflection/prayer of thanks
- 30-day motivation plan (sample):
- Week 1: establish morning devotion habit; choose

one Proverbs to memorize.

- Week 2: identify and start one Spirit-shaped goal; join accountability partner.
- Week 3: serve in a church outreach; fast one meal and pray for clarity.
- Week 4: review progress; adjust goals; set next 30 days.
- Small-group study guide:
- Session 1: Vision & Purpose—discovering calling.
- Session 2: Spiritual Disciplines—practice and accountability.
- Session 3: Work & Stewardship—integrating faith and vocation.
- Session 4: Overcoming Sloth—proverbs, testimonies, action plans.
- Leader’s checklist: mentor one person, train another, create two practical service opportunities per month.

Chapter 11 — Sermon and Teaching Starters

- “The Lamp Needs Oil” (Matthew 25:1–13): point—keep devotion replenished daily; application—daily oil checklist.
- “Sail and Wind” (Acts 2 + Colossians 3:23): point—set the sail (discipline) and depend on the Wind (Spirit); application—create a ministry plan with roles.
- “Seed and Soil” (Matthew 13): point—prepare

heart, plant consistently; application—regular spiritual cultivation track.

Conclusion — A Final Exhortation

Motivation that honors God is cultivated by a heart surrendered to Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Pair divine dependence with disciplined action. Cultivate community, pursue excellence in work, steward your gifts, and teach others by example. God honors those who combine faith with faithful labor. Press on, beloved—your labors in the Lord are not in vain.

Appendices

A. Short Greek & Hebrew Word List (transliteration + brief meaning)

- zēlos (ζῆλος): zeal, fervor.
- prothumia (προθυμία): eagerness, readiness.
- ruach (רוח): Spirit/breath.
- kavvanah (כַּוְּנָה): intention, directed heart.
- tsalach (צָלַח): to succeed/prosper.
- atzel (אַצֵּל): sluggard/lazy one.
- atzlut (אַצְלוּת): sloth/laziness.

(Use the chapter above for fuller lists.)

B. Recommended Passages for Meditation and

Memorization

- Proverbs 6; 10; 12; 13; 20; 21; 22; 24
- Matthew 13; 25; Acts 1–2; Colossians 3:23; Philippians 3:13–14; 1 Corinthians 9:24–27

C. Short Reading List

- The Bible (regular reading plan)
- Rashi’s commentary (select excerpts on Proverbs)
- Rambam, ethical writings (on habit and character)
- Selected Apostolic Pentecostal classics on the Holy Spirit and practical discipleship

Acknowledgement

May the Spirit fill you with zeal (zēlos), lead you into faithful action, and bless your labors for the advancement of Christ’s Kingdom. Use this book as a handbook: study, pray, act, and then teach what you have learned.

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