I am – Motivating Factors in Doing His Will

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INTRODUCTION

- We know why we dread Mondays. Because they're attached to work. But why do you work?
- We understand and we are driven, and we are people of schedules because of a sense of obligation. We have to.
- But that action must be predicated by some kind of motivation. Here's your motivation.

1 I Am Debtor

Romans 1:14; 1 Timothy 1:15; Psalm 100:3

- We must begin to see our service, our obligations to others, do not spring out of our relationship to them, to their worthiness, or of their prior actions in deserving my service.
- But my obligations to my fellow man spring out of my relationship to God. I am a debtor to them because I am a debtor to God.
- That Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners of whom I am chief.
- Know that the Lord He is God. It is He who made us and not we ourselves. We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.
- We are debted to God because we're not our own. It is he who made us, and we are doubly debted to God because He has bought us at a price.
- Do I have any obligation to my fellow man who's dying in sin? Especially since I'm a member of the rescue squad.

2 I Am Ready

Romans 1:15; Acts 20:22–24

- So as much as is in me, I'm ready to preach the gospel to you who are in Rome also.
- But this word that Paul used, I am ready, carries with it not just a sense of, okay, all right. I have to. But there was a sense of eagerness.
- But none of these things move me. Nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy.
- This eagerness, this zeal is not something that is extra. It's essential.
- But when it comes to the kingdom of God, seeking first the kingdom of God and his righteousness. Do we have the eagerness? The fervor, the zeal, that this is my drive.

3 I Am Not Ashamed of the Gospel

Romans 1:16

- For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ.

- For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing. But to us who are being saved, it is the power of God.
- Why would Paul be tempted to be ashamed of the gospel? Because he was being persecuted for preaching it.
- But why was Paul not ashamed of the gospel? For it was the power of God unto salvation.

THE CHALLENGE

Don't be ashamed of that gospel this morning. Are you ready to obey that gospel? Do you feel the sense of debt that you owe unto your God, your creator, to your God, your redeemer?

MY NOTES