

A Man With the Right Motivation

“When Ruth rose to glean, Boaz commanded his servants, saying, ‘Let her glean even among the sheaves, and do not insult her. Also you shall purposely pull out for her some grain from the bundles and leave it that she may glean, and do not rebuke her.’” Ruth 2:15–16.

1. Everyone Has a Motive For Their Actions.

- A. Elimelech left the _____ for a foreign land because he was motivated by a need for _____. (Ruth 1:1)
- B. Mahlon and Chilion, who were motivated by their desire for _____, took women from among the _____. (Ruth 1:4)
- C. Naomi’s advice to her daughters-in-law was motivated by her desire for their _____. (Ruth 1:9, 11–13)

2. God’s Word is the Standard by Which One’s Motives and Actions are Judged.

- A. Elimelech failed by not _____ God to provide food. (Ruth 1:6; Deut 8:3)
- B. Mahlon and Chilion disobeyed God by seeking wives from among a nation that _____. (Ruth 1:4; Deut 7:3–4)
- C. Naomi gave bad advice to her daughters-in-law by telling them to return to Moab and away from _____. (Ruth 1:15; Deut 13:6–11)

3. The Right Motivation Produces the Right Actions.

- A. Boaz saw a poor, foreign widow as an _____ to show God’s _____. (Ruth 2:8)
- B. Boaz desired to do more than what was _____ in order to show God’s _____. (Ruth 2:9, 14–16)