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Bible Study

*“...from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which
are able to make thee wise unto salvation...”
(2 Tim. 3:15)*



Biblical Boldness

{John 6:66-69}

Motive is defined as “the goal or object of a person’s actions.” In short it is our reason for doing anything that we do. For example, the motive for practice in sports is to perform better in the game. But we need to ask ourselves a personal question regarding Jesus...what is our motive for following Him? Do we follow Christ for a promotion in our career or for material gain? If our motive is carnal and worldly then we will not do much for Him over time {Lk. 9:62}. Jesus had many people to follow Him for motives that were not pure; we need to make sure that we don’t fall into that category in our personal lives.

v.66-69) *“From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. (*) Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? (*) Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. (*) And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.”*

- “From that time” – a time when Jesus performed miracles and did much teaching. {Jn. 6:5-14} {Jn. 6:15-21} {Jn. 6:22, 25-27}
- The multitude heard Jesus’ teaching and now understood that He put an emphasis on spiritual things and not material things and it didn’t sit well with them. {Jn. 6:41a; 52a, 60}
- “many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him” – Jesus has just experienced being abandoned by the crowd. {Jn. 6:10}
- “Will ye also go away?” – Jesus is human and divine and His humanity is feeling the hurt and pain that comes from rejection. {Jn. 11:35; Mk. 4:38; Jn. 4:7}
- “to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life” – Peter was not going to leave like the crowd. He was devoted to Christ until the very end. {Matt. 16:24}
- “we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ” – Peter confesses that Christ is the only redeemer of mankind. He makes this public statement in public statement and he is not concerned about popular opinion. {Acts 4:20}