

IMPULSE

MOTIVATIONS OF THE NEWBORN CHURCH

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1. a sudden strong and unreflective desire to act.
2. a driving or motivating force; an impetus.

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Reminder of the primary motivations of the Church

1. Gospel Proclamation
2. Gospel Community

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THE HOLINESS IMPULSE

ACTS Chapters 5.1- 8.3

“Holy is as holy does”

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in a moral sense - pure, sinless, upright, holy.

Acts 5.1-8.3 OUTLINE

>Acts 5:1-16

>Acts 5:17-42

>Acts 6:1-7

>Acts 6:8-8:3

ACTS 5.1-8.3 OUTLINE

>Acts 5:1-16: *Unholiness* threatens Gospel Community,
holiness is restored, the mission expands.

Remember this-

- *Holiness is proven in moral purity. You are fully known
(no matter who sees).
- *The morally pure church expands the Kingdom.

Acts 5

11 And great fear came upon the whole church and upon all who heard of these things.

12 Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles.

ACTS 5.1-8.3 OUTLINE

>Acts 5:17-42: Unholiness threatens Gospel Proclamation

Remember this-

*Holiness is proven in boldness

(Not in fear of man).

*The church committed to boldness will not be overcome.

Acts 5

38 So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; 39 but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!”

ACTS 5.1-8.3 OUTLINE

>Acts 6:1-7: Holiness advances through Gospel Community

Remember this-

*Holiness is proven in service

(All believers are 'set apart').

*Service is the foundation of Kingdom expansion.

Acts 6

7 And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

ACTS 5.1-8.3 OUTLINE

>Acts 6:8-8:3: *Unholiness* threatens Gospel Proclamation
And sacrifice advances the mission

Remember this-

*Holiness is proven in sacrifice

(Even unto death?).

*The persecuted church ALWAYS advances the mission.

Acts 8

1 And Saul approved of his execution.

And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.

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SUMMARY - ACTS CHAPTERS 3 & 4