

### **MOTIVATION IN FULFILLING THE MINISTRY'S CALL**

“But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”  
(Matthew 13:23, NIV)

This October, instead of the Retreat Encounter & GMI Family Days 2022, we, the GMI family will hold a GMI Seminar & KKR on 22-23 October 2022. We are all invited to receive a shower of God's Word which will be shared by His servant from the USA to equip us His church. The purpose of holding this seminar and KKR is among other things to strengthen the hearts of God's servants and His church in these difficult days. The Lord Jesus also said in Matthew 13:23, "Those sown on good soil are those who hear the word and understand, and because of this it bears fruit, some a hundred times as much, some sixty times, some thirty times as much. fold," and what is hoped for through this Seminar and KKR is that every participant, especially God's servants throughout the GMI, can be strengthened and confirmed through the truth of God's Word that is sown. And speaking of motivation in fulfilling God's call - in these last days there are many who serve, but only a few have the right motivation. There are people who do seem to serve, but not based on pleasing God but for personal goals and interests. People like this will usually be found out through their attitude in everyday life. Always bragging either directly or through various social networks, or other attitudes such as lazy, arrogant, often not on time and there are other reasons. It is good if we want to be directly involved in the ministry through any field according to our respective gifts, but it is also important to pay close attention to the right motivation in serving. What kind of motivation should workers or servants of God have? How should we not steal the glory that should belong to God or make God disappointed or even angry through our wrong attitude? In this case we can learn from the character of Paul. As a servant of God, Paul showed his firm attitude of obedience. He dared to go spread the gospel everywhere, even as far as to Asia. He succeeded in establishing many churches wherever he was. Paul became famous among the believers at that time. But on the other hand we must also see how often his efforts and hard work are not properly rewarded. He even had to be willing to go through a lot of suffering and various forms of torture in order to carry out his mission. However, we know that Paul was not discouraged, disappointed or offended by God. On the other hand, he never demanded anything that could give him convenience in carrying out his ministry duties. If you consider the high level of difficulty that he had to face along with all the risks, of course it seemed natural that Paul no longer needed to work to meet his needs. Logically speaking, it would be better if he just focused on proclaiming the good news. But Paul apparently didn't demand that at all. Pay attention to what he says. "Silver or gold or clothing I have never wanted from anyone" (Acts 20:33). Paul does not demand anything from the congregation or the elders/shepherds or other servants of God. What else did Paul lack at that time in the eyes of the believers? That is Paul's attitude (verse 34). Paul made no effort to profit himself even though he had gone to great lengths to serve so many people. His motivation in serving is pure, and this is an example for us. No matter how great our abilities, they are useless without God. From Paul we can learn that purity and sincerity are very important keys in serving God. Let's serve God with the right motivation, Amen!

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