

2 Corinthians 12:14-21 - The Apostles love**What should motivate ministry?****1) Motivation #1 - Not a financial burden****... because he wanted them ... not their money.****... the super apostles were exploiting them and taking advantage of them.****2) Motivation #2 - To provide for them like a parent should****... Paul sees himself as their father and they are like his children.****See 1 cor 4:14****3) Motivation #3 - To strengthen them****verse 19****see 1 Cor 9:22 ... all things to all people so that by all possible means some might be saved.****... some have already repented, with Godly sorrow****... so he has gone to these extreme lengths of making a fool of himself so as to win them back to following the gospel.****For us today****a) Imitate Paul****1 Cor 11:1, "follow my example as I follow the example of Christ".****b) Not a burden****He preached a gospel of God's free grace ... free of charge.****c) Sacrificial service****... ministry that freely serves.****... wants his children to grow to become parents who sacrificially serve those who they are sharing the gospel to.**

d) Expend yourself to strengthen them

... serving them so that they come to **KNOW** Jesus as their Lord and Saviour **OR** it so that they can be strengthened in following Jesus **AS** their Lord and Saviour.