

UGLY Christmas SWEATER

UGLY MOTIVES

Part 3 of 4 / Matthew 6:1-18

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Matthew 6:1-2;5;16

Their passion for LOOKING spiritual was more important to them than BEING spiritual.

1. **DOING THE RIGHT THING FOR THE _____ REASON.**

Luke 2:1-7

The very reason we celebrate during Christmas is because of a divine act of humility in the birth of Jesus.

2. _____ **IS OUR MOTIVATION.**

Colossians 3:23

3. **IT'S _____ A COMPETITION.**

Philippians 2:3

We ought to cheer one another on and push each other forward out of love.

“It is more blessed to give than to receive.” (Acts 20:35)

APPLICATION POINT –

The greatest blessing is to be a blessing to others. This week, do something that will bless others without doing it to gain individual recognition. If someone says, “Thank you,” point them to Jesus.

GROWTH QUESTIONS:

1. In this sermon, Pastor Nate discusses defining your “why.” If someone asked you why you are a Christian, how would your “why” influence your response?
2. Why do you think it is so important for humans to have praise and accolades from others?
3. In what ways can we cheer and encourage others in their Christian faith? (Philippians 2:3)
4. Why do you think God decided to come in such a humble and unexpected way?
5. How can we begin to shift our motives to point people to Jesus?