

# **Motivation for Personal Change**

# Change is possible!

1 Corinthians 6:9 - 11

Laundry list of sins that keep people from  
the kingdom of God

That is what some of you were

But...

You were washed, sanctified, justified

# **Fear and anger don't work!**

**1 John 4:17 – 18**

**“fear has to do with punishment”**

**James 1:20**

**“human anger does not produce the  
righteousness that God desires”**

# **Shame doesn't work!**

**Romans 5:5 “Hope does not put us to shame”**

**Romans 9:33 “the one who believes in him will never be put to shame”**

**Romans 10:11 “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame”**

**1 Peter 2:6 “and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.”**

**(compare to Philippians 3:19)**

# Back to grace

**Titus 2:11 – 14**

**Comes after listing of “to be” goals in Titus teaching. (appropriate to sound doctrine)**

**Grace of God:**

**available to anybody**

**works on passions, self-control**

**always part of waiting for what’s coming**

# People change

For lots of reasons:

Got older,

Got busier,

Got tired of the old way,

Got lazier, richer, poorer, worse health

Got Jesus