Mercenary, Slave, or Disciple

In the far left column, identify which of the scenarios apply to you by circling the things you do and crossing off what you don’t do. Then identify your greatest motivation for each scenario as described in the three column headings to the right. Is your motivation mostly driven by the hope of receiving a reward or of avoiding punishment, or are you motivated because you find joy in the good and want to give love away? Write a sentence in the appropriate box for each scenario about why you chose that motivation.

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|  | Motivation: Reward? (Mercenary) | Motivation: Avoid Punishment (Slave) | Motivation: It’s Good  to Be Good. (Disciple) |
| You speak politely and respectfully to your parents and siblings.  (respect for others) |  |  |  |
| You help out around the house.  (a helping spirit) |  |  |  |
| You say your prayers at night.  (peacefulness) |  |  |  |
| You go to church on Sunday.  (thankfulness) |  |  |  |
| You help your neighbor with various things.  (compassion) |  |  |  |
| You are happy for others when they do well at something.  (humility) |  |  |  |
| You are generous with your things.  (a generous spirit) |  |  |  |
| You invite your grandma to your birthday party.  (respect for others) |  |  |  |
| You’re nice to the new kid at school.  (friendliness) |  |  |  |

Using the scenarios above, identify one way that you allow God’s grace to motivate your actions so that you may be more like Jesus.

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Briefly discuss a time when you willingly gave love away.

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