

# What Motivates You?

In a recent Baptist Standard, newspaper for Baptist in Texas, I read a very interesting article about what motivates volunteers in the community. Dr. Diana Garland and Associate Dean Dennis Myers, both from Baylor University, stated that there are four categories that motivates volunteers: response to God, response to human need, relationship benefits and personal benefits.

“Volunteers who serve primarily out of a response to God are motivated by a desire to obey God, to fulfill a sense of calling, and to use their gifts and the resources with which God blessed them, they discovered.”

About two years ago there was an article in the Newsweek magazine that stated that volunteers of faith are more committed to the task and serve longer than the average volunteer in the community. This personal sense of calling to a ministry helps the faith volunteer to remain faithful to the ministry and the responsibility.

One By One Ministries has volunteers who are faithful to God and to the ministry to which He has called them. There will be many obstacles and barriers that might keep us from our task but if we rely on the Lord and to His calling of us to this ministry, we can make a difference in this world for Christ's Kingdom.

“Churches can help people make the connections back to their faith,” Dr. Garland said. “Teach with an intentional attitude of relating service to the whole life of faith.” AMEN!

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