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Negative Motives for Sharing the Gospel:

Paul was accused of sharing...

...in error.

...in impurity.

...an attempt to deceive.

Positive Motives for Sharing the Gospel:

Paul shared...

...to please God.

...to deliver the message clearly.

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Matters for Reflection and Discussion:

1. What were some of the false accusations made against Paul regarding his preaching, and how did he refute them?
2. Why is it important for Christians to ensure their message is not based on error, impurity, or deception?
3. How did Paul's commitment to preaching the truth set him apart from false teachers of his time?
4. What does it mean to share the gospel with the primary goal of pleasing God rather than people?
5. In what ways might believers today be tempted to seek human approval when sharing their faith?
6. How can we ensure that our motives for evangelism remain pure and focused on glorifying God?
7. Why is it essential to present the gospel clearly and truthfully rather than relying on persuasion or manipulation?
8. How does Paul's example challenge us to examine our own approach to sharing the gospel?
9. What practical steps can believers take to guard against impure or self-seeking motives in ministry?
10. How does faithfully sharing the gospel reflect the character and mission of God in the world today?