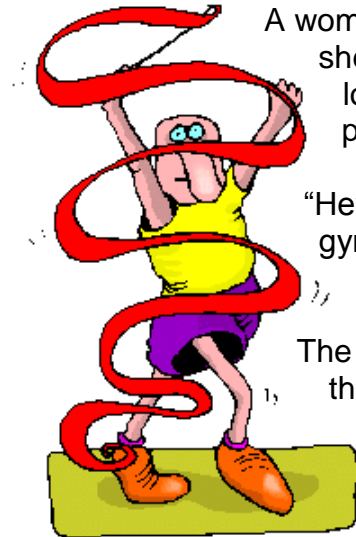


# Unique Forms of Motivation

Motivation – defined by *Merriam-Webster* as “the act or process of giving someone a reason for doing something ... the condition of being eager to act or work” – can happen in many forms. Such as:



A woman hired two men to do some yard work. The day they came, she was hosting a bridge party. During the afternoon, a guest looked out the window to see one man raking and the other performing majestic leaps and spirals in the air.

“Hey, look at that,” she said to her friends. “What a wonderful gymnast,” remarked one of the women. “I’d pay him a hundred dollars to perform for our aerobics class.”

The hostess opened the window and asked the fellow raking if he thought his friend would like the job.

“Hey, Fred,” the co-worker yelled to his partner. “Do you think for a hundred dollars you could step on that rake one more time?”

Or this story told by Robert J. Demer in *Reader’s Digest*:

“I once called upon an elderly lawyer, who greeted me warmly and invited me to be seated. As I was about to take the chair in front of his desk, he motioned me into a different one. Before I left, however, he invited me to try the first chair.”

Demer did so. “After a short time, I noticed an uncomfortable desire to rise,” he said.

The elderly lawyer explained: “That chair I reserve for law-book sellers, bill collectors and pesky clients. The front legs are sawed off two inches shorter than the back ones.”

Perhaps that is a motivational tool you can use.

At the very least, perhaps a little humor can start your day pleasantly.

Or maybe inspire you to come up with your own plan to motivate those around you.

*Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing* (Psalm 126:2 NKJV).

– Beecher Hunter