



Good Ambition

“Do nothing out of selfish ambition”

Philippians 2: 3-4

Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His work.”

John 4:34

“Press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 3:12b -14

Godly ambition - Jesus in the centre

Worldly ambition - me in the centre

The parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30)

The importance of God centred ambition

Faithfulness and fruitfulness

What does God-centred Christian ambition look like?

“Christian ambition is the passionate and contented pursuit of challenging, yet attainable, God-given objectives.”

Passionate

Ambitions arise from a God-given passion to fulfil his purpose for our lives

Contented

Learning to be content in all situations.



Challenging

'Do not settle for black and white if God has given you a vision in colour' – John Collins

God-given

Initiated, sustained and, where necessary, corrected by God

Doesn't have to be big, but it does have to be bold.

Ambition driven by the self is unbearable, but ambition driven by the Spirit is unbeatable

Attainable

Set the bar at the right level - too high you'll be discouraged, if you pitch it too low you're probably lacking ambition.

Avoiding the dangers of ambition

Keep connected to God, not divorced from Him.

Hold our ambitions lightly, not going all out for ourselves.

Live at ease with the influence He's given us in the world.

Conversation Questions

How do you feel about the subject of ambition?

What do you believe God-given ambitions are?

How are your ambitions affecting your career choices?

What challenges do you face on the area of ambition?