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# Men We Need *Be Ambitious About the Right Things*

**Redefining Success and Work According to God's Design**
True masculinity is about taking responsibility and protecting the vulnerable.
How does our ambition play a massive role in fulfilling or destroying that purpose?

## The Cultural Trap of Ambition

### *What the World Tells Us to Chase*

**The _____ Trap:** Equating manhood with job titles, net worth, and social prestige.
**The _____ Feed:** Using professional success to build a personal empire rather than serving others. **The _____ :** Constant anxiety, comparison, and a feeling of never being "enough."

**Key Scripture** - **Jeremiah 45:5** *And do you seek great things for yourself? Seek them not, for behold, I am bringing disaster upon all flesh, declares the Lord. But I will give you your life as a prize of war in all places to which you may go.*

## Re-Anchoring Ambition

### *Meaningful over Material*

**_____ - _____ _____:** True ambition is directed outward to build up the community.
**The "Keeper of the Garden" Metaphor:** Taking _____ to cultivate, nurture, and optimize the environment where God has placed you.
**What Matters:** Shifting focus from "_____ can I accumulate?" to "_____ can I protect and develop?"

**Key Scripture** – **Genesis 2:15** *The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.*

## The Dignity of All Work

### *No Job Is Too _____ to Matter*

**_____ in the Menial:** Every job is inherently valuable if it serves people and preserves order.

**_____ Over Status:** Godly manhood values showing up and doing the quiet, unglamorous tasks.

**The Ultimate Goal:** Working for a _____ authority than a corporate boss.

**Key Scripture** - **Colossians 3:23-24** *Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.*



## Contentment and True Freedom

### *Breaking the Chains of "More"*

**The _____ Paradox:** True freedom is found when you stop being driven by material desires.

**Sacrifice as a Weapon:** Choosing to give up _____ desires for the sake of ____ - _____ responsibilities.

**The Shift:** Moving from a mindset of scarcity to a mindset of _____ .

**Key Scripture** - **Hebrews 13:5** *Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."*

## Action Steps & Conclusion

### *Showing Up for the Right Things*

**Audit Your Goals:** Are your primary targets building your kingdom or God's?

**Prioritize Safety:** Use your energy to ensure the women, children, and vulnerable around you feel secure.

**Commit to the Real:** Reject fake accomplishments and show up heavily in real life.

**Key Scripture** - **Micah 6:8** *He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?*

## Summary Thought –

***_____ ambition isn't about rising to the top; it's about stooping down to _____ .***

## Table Discussion Questions

1. If your family or close friends looked at your calendar – and your daily stress levels – what would they say you are most ambitious about right now?
2. What is something you might need to "lose" or say no to in your career to "win" in your relationships?
3. In a culture that worships hustle, noise, and constant accumulation, what does a "quiet ambitious life" look like to you?
4. How do you personally struggle to balance professional drive with being faithfully present at home?
5. How have you felt the pressure to measure your worth by your job title, paycheck, or productivity?

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