

The Apex of Ambition

Text: II Cor. 5: 1-11

Intro

1. Without a doubt - one of the strongest ~~materialist~~ ~~desires~~ in each one of us is the drive of ambition.
2. By definition → ambition has a both negative + positive side.
3. On the negative side → to be ambitious is:
 - 1) an ~~ambition~~ ^{inordinate} desire for rank, fame + fortune → regards of the court → rebel's the negative regards of the court.
 - 2) an ~~ambition~~ ^{inordinate} ~~desire~~ ^{striving} to achieve a particular ~~goal~~ ^{goal} → ~~whether~~ ^{whether} striving for the goal's sake, whether it is worthy or not → that's the negative → for the goal's sake whether worthy or not.
4. On the positive side → to be ambitious is:
 - 1) to aspire → aspiration implies a striving after something higher than one's self that produces fulfillment + enables character.
 - 2) to strive → striving; to reach a goal that enables + enables both other + the self.

inordinate
striving

3) to succeed → success dedicated to achievement of the highest good for the greatest gain for the largest group.

5. This is what William LeBaron → an 18th century statesman + reformer meant → "Christianity proposes not to extinguish our natural desires. It promises to bring the desires under just control + direct them to their true object."

6. This is what the Bible is talking about:

1) I Cor. 9:24 → "~~Run~~ Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize →? Run in such a way as to get the prize.

2) I Cor. 12:31 → But eagerly desire the best gifts. And now I show you the most excellent way.

3) I Cor. 14:18 → Try to speak in gifts that build up the church.

4) II Tim - 2:15 → Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed + who correctly handles the word of truth.

5) Phil. 1:27 → Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ.

6) Theme of the text: ambition (ambition) → ambition (ambition) → ambition (ambition)

II Cor 5:9

one basic goal - we make it our goal to please him > (c)
which were born in the body (d) and born it (d)

7. They, when the ~~king~~ ^{copy} ~~king~~ ^{copy} looks about
ambitions:

1) Give life your best effort → you to
get the prize.

2) Strive for the best gifts →
go for the excellent way!

3) Strive you shall to the
highest → because nobody
not need to be a bone.

4) Take pride in your accomplishments /
achievements / pointed → represent the
Gospel of Jesus Christ.

8. Point is:

1) In Christ → no love / fortune / second
class religion

2) God don't make you

9. Problem is: one of churches → materials →
strong → open → what are we really
after?

1) If want to get the ball off ball

1) This you rule had taken →
couldn't stand → went away from Christ's message
needed ambition

2) Hence → had problem → couldn't
make the transition → stand the pressure →
was not consulted → needed ambition

3) Problem Christ had with his disciples:

mark 10:
17 ff.

II Tim.
4:10

(1) Simon the Zealot - bent on overthrow Rome.

(2) Matthew (Levi) - determined to get rich by any means.

(3) Peter + Andrew - devoted fishermen -> chips got down -> Peter went back to fishing -> ambition -> make the fish pay.

other out

(4) Judas - after statue -> big piece of the pie -> couldn't take the rejection -> sold out 50 pieces of silver.

(5) James + John - Salt & Pepper -> Sons of Thunder -> went states -> plant in your yard

9. Christ reprimanded the disciples -

1) Field with spurt - Oct 2: 42, 43

2) Acts 17:6 - Begeht stund werd'ig'ubdew.

3) Have lives -> (Sungge)

10. How does really cleared ambition ->

1) See a sense of power is needed - and goes to get ahead -> Ill. football

2) Afraid we are going to miss it -> mess eg. Ill. Preacher & grandma

3) On sleeves, side -> by rats of dog abuse / suicide / family problems -> can't cut it (Kigois)

11. Paul comes up with a way.
 - 1) Mon of onditions → (Survival)
 - 2) How is the formula → good test →
 - 3) Not an easy task → Ball →
- ~~12~~ (1) Submiss, (2) Permutation
- (3) Reaction (4) Loveless → ST Perme
- (6) old eye // Talk about peace / contentment
- I Cor. 15 → eternal, 15.58 →
- force onditions: → How come to that? →
- Col. 3 (hidden in Christ) →

I. Accept the reality of eternal life.

1. Verse 1-5 // Healing with death (scripture)
2. Giving us an enemy of the eyes of +
ambition → make it to heaven → you
people → not be in heaven → just be.
3. True faith reality:
 - 1) Content → new

3. Healing with death → special ~~so~~ inlets
 always a sense of "depart" → staying of a
 tent → way on to the next place →
joining → begin →

~~4~~

4. Two-fold guarantee:

1) Ephesians → verse 1 → Stabes is not ~~tail~~
~~to~~ tried to what happens here. → Ill: →
 play golf → lost my job → This is
 wonderful!

2) Ephesians → vers-2-5.

(1) Inmate → devil of everyone →

(2) Inmate → vs. 40

5. Ill: Shi Inmates // Charles/Kenn//
 rat + better leader
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II. Actual confidence in the
 earthly life.

1. verse 6-11 → ~~get confidence~~ →
 point of euphoric → conf confidence →
 that earthly life.

(1) Without confidence (see sermon)

(2) With confidence (see sermon)

2. What Paul is saying → confidence comes:

1) verse 7 → faith life →

2) verse 8 → future life →

3) verse 9, 10 → functional life →

4) verse 11 → fulfilled life →

moos →

3. ~~All~~ All all's up to Trent →
 (see serpline)

4. Ill: J. C. Remy → regard confidence