

A Personal
Ambition
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The Definition of Ambition

1 a : an ardent desire for rank, fame, or power

b : desire to achieve a particular end

Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary

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a strong desire to do or achieve something.

Concise Oxford English Dictionary



Comments About Ambition

- ✓ Sermon: August 26, 2018
- ✓ Ambition all by itself is not wrong
- ✓ Ambition is a part of being created in God's image. We have a will and desire.
- ✓ Ambition does not stay neutral.

Remember our low self-awareness problem!



Let's look at this in the Scriptures

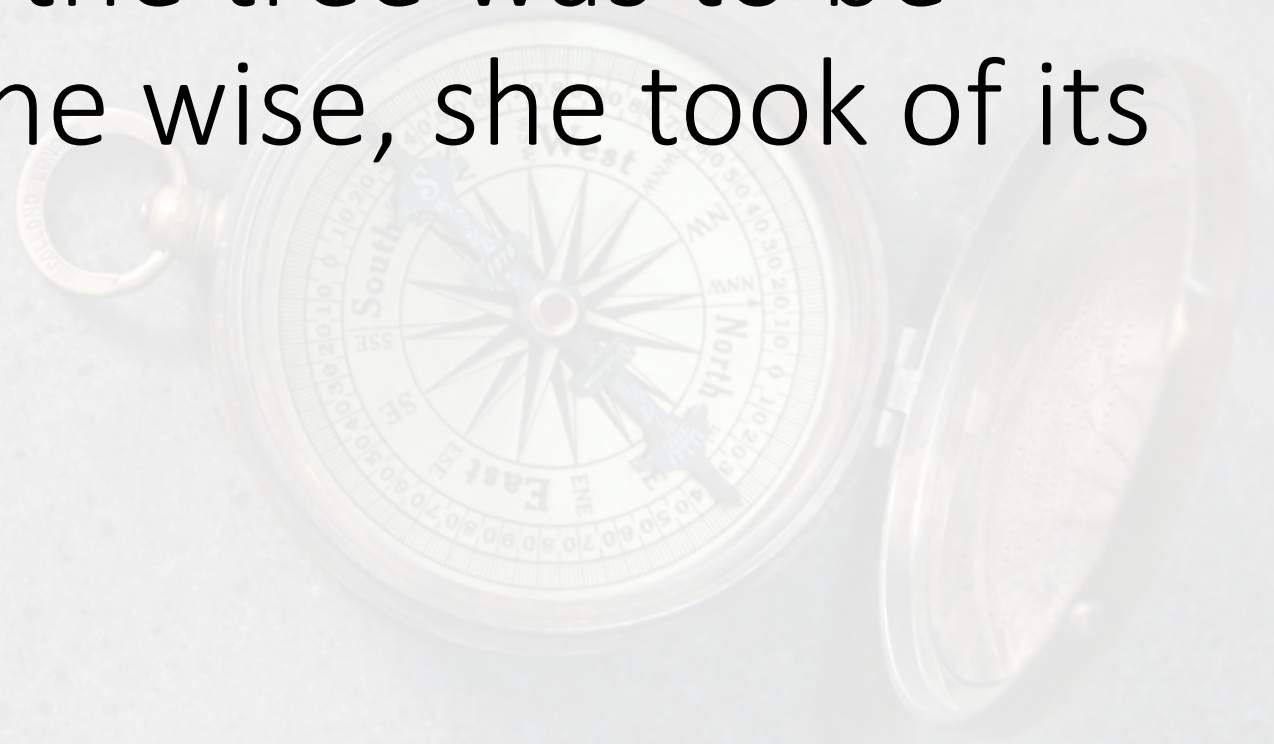


Genesis 3:4-6 (ESV)

But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was...

Genesis 3:4-6 (ESV)

good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate

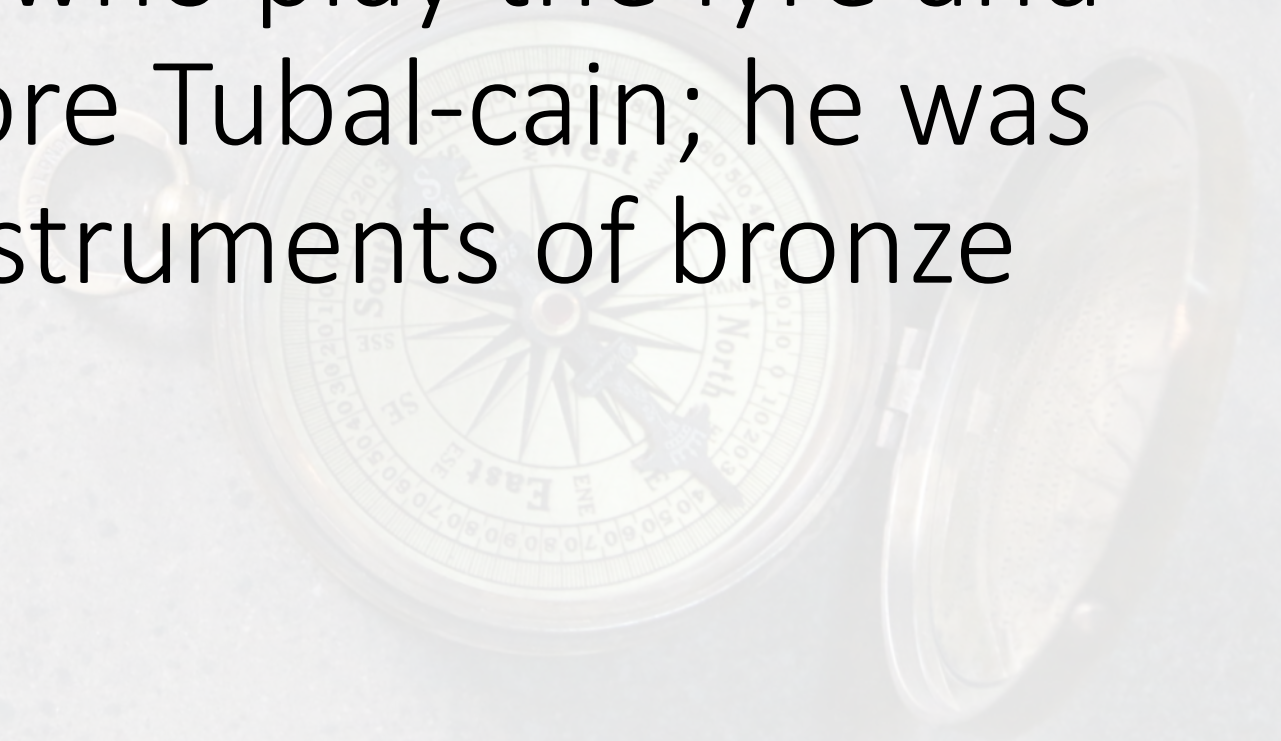


Genesis 4:17ff (ESV)

Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and bore Enoch. When he built a city...[Skipping a few generations]...Adah bore Jabal; he was the father of those who dwell in tents and have livestock....

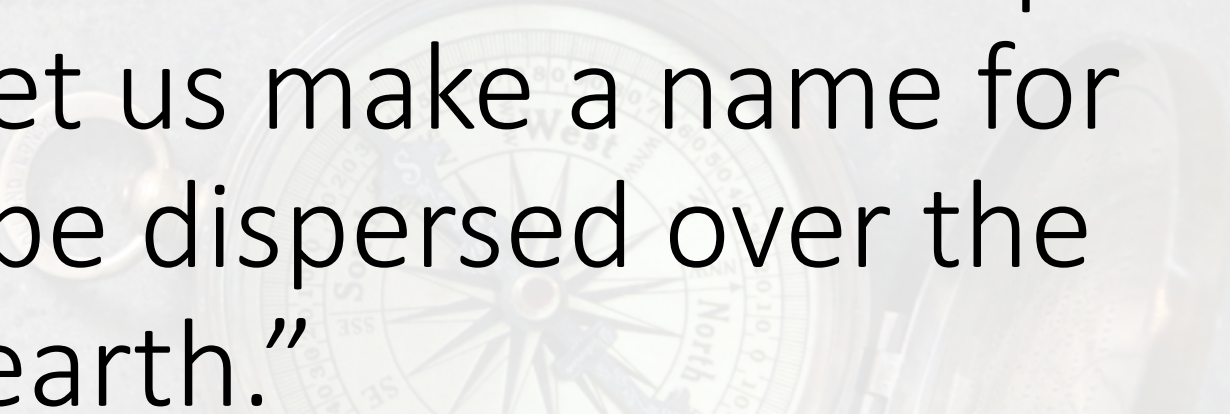
Genesis 4:17ff (ESV)

His brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all those who play the lyre and pipe. Zillah also bore Tubal-cain; he was the forger of all instruments of bronze and iron.



Genesis 11:4 (ESV) – The Tower of Babel

Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.”



Matthew 16:21-23 (ESV)

From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying,

Matthew 16:21-23 (ESV)

“Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

Matthew 19:16-24 (ESV)

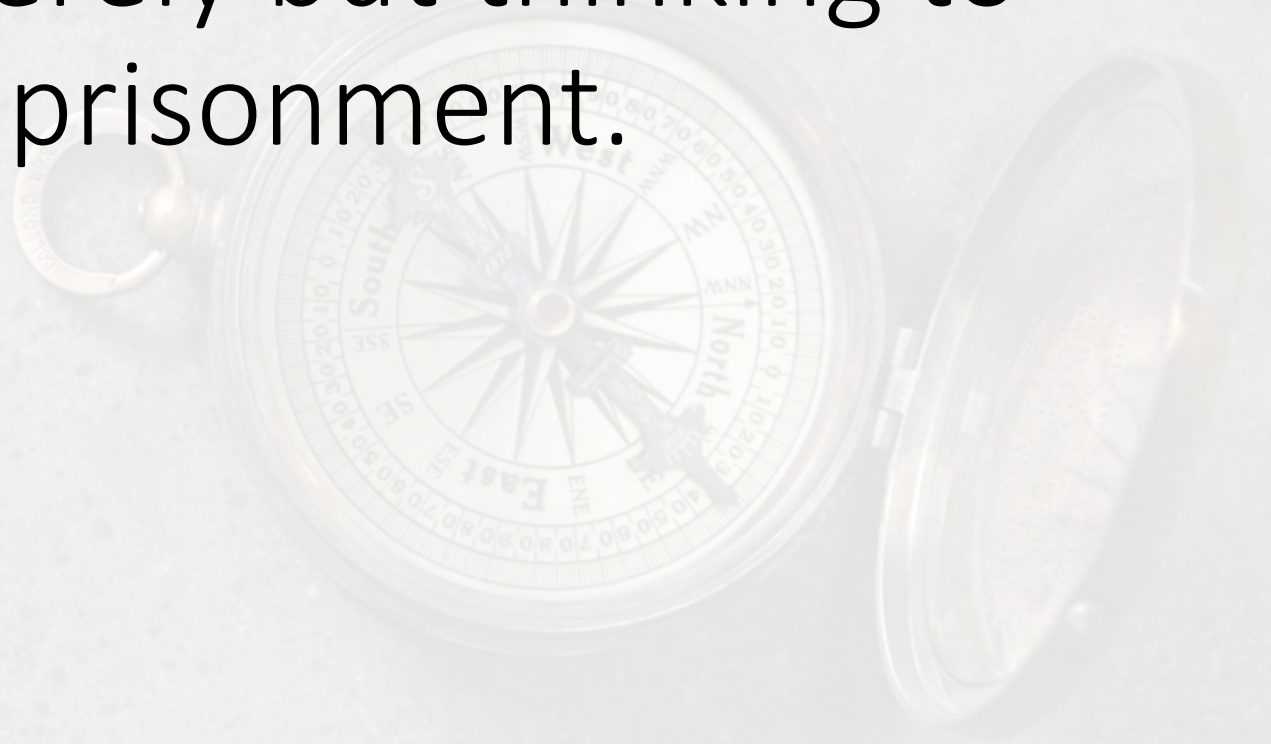


Matthew 20:20-24 (ESV)



Philippians 1:17 (ESV)

The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment.



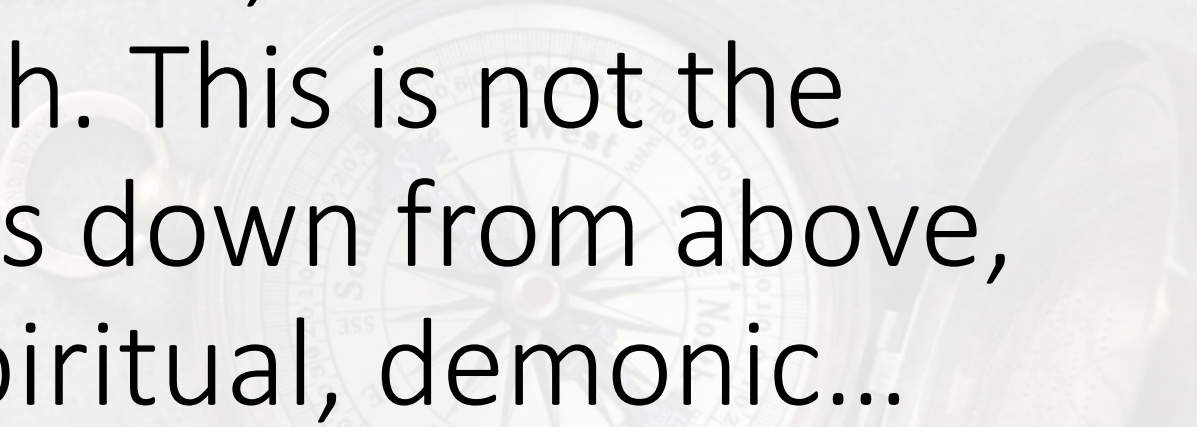
Philippians 2:3 (ESV)

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.



James 3:14-16 (ESV)

But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic...



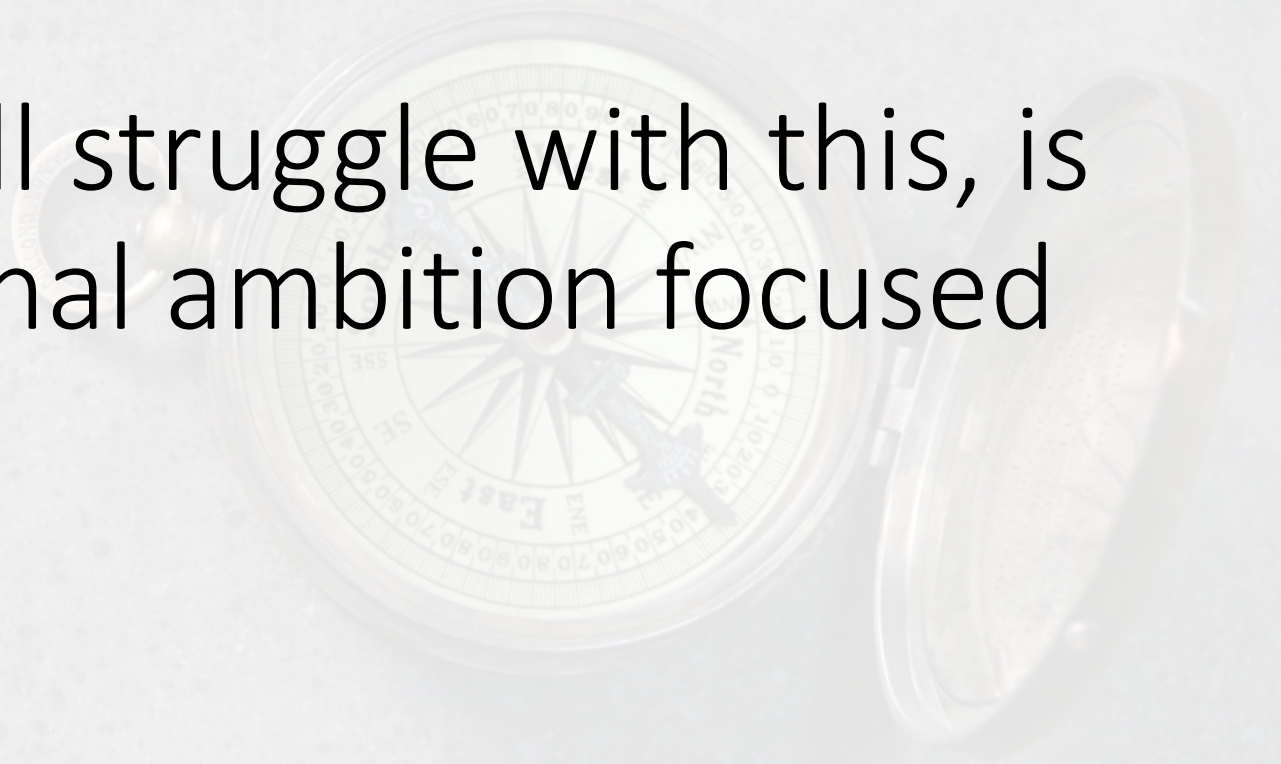
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For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.

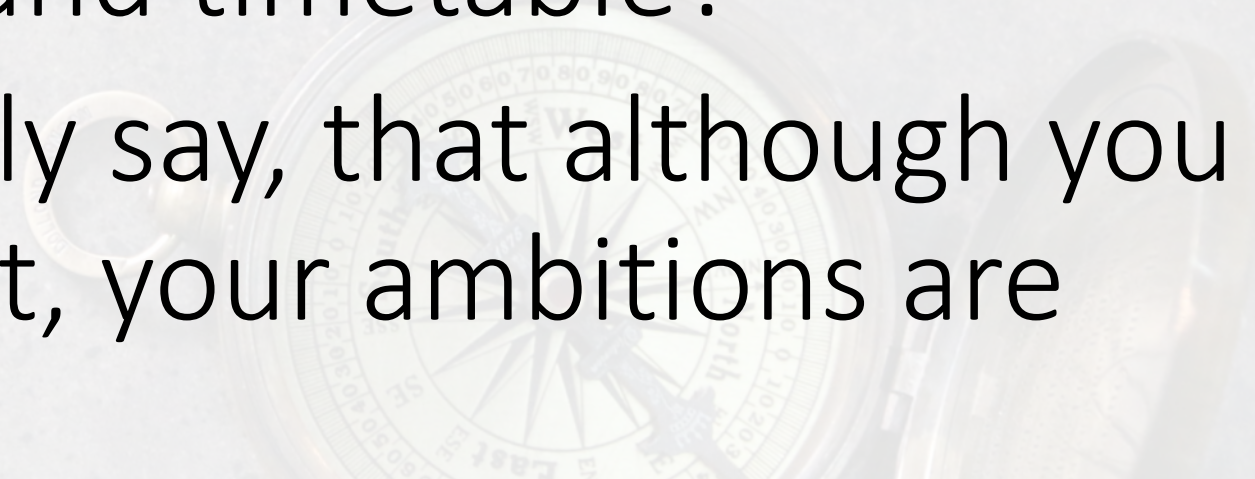


Conclusion

- ✓ We all need God's help shaping our ambition
- ✓ Although we will struggle with this, is your life a “personal ambition focused life?”



Conclusion

- ✓ Is it **your** plans that shape your life?
 - ✓ Is it **your** goals and timetable?
 - ✓ Can you honestly say, that although you are imperfect at it, your ambitions are shaped by God?
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