

“Ambition: Of Crowns & Crosses”

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Matthew 20:17-28

INTRODUCTION

ambition: “a goaled _____” — *Ellis Stewart*

1. Ambitious for a crown

- hungry for position
Mt. 19:28; Jn. 18:36

+ not surprising, but self-absorbed

+ nature of the request
Mt. 27:55-56; Mk. 15:40; Jn. 19:25

- hungry for power

2. Ambitious for a cross

a. Practice the lifestyle of _____.
Phil. 2:3-7

“Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve. You don’t have to have a college degree to serve. You don’t have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve....You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.”

— *Martin Luther King, Jr.*

“[Greatness] is remarkably sober, very undramatic. It is not the urge to surpass all others at whatever cost, but the urge to serve others at whatever cost.”

— *Arthur Ashe*

b. Cultivate the mindset of _____.
Rom. 6:17-19

c. Focus on Jesus as _____.
Gal. 3:13; Tit. 2:13-14; Rev. 5:9
Jn. 13:12-17; 1 Pet. 2:21

“Any ambition which centers around and terminates upon oneself is unworthy, while an ambition which has the glory of God as its center is not only legitimate but positively praise-worthy.”

— *J. Oswald Sanders*