**Questions for Group or Personal Reflection:**

1. What stood out to you most about the message?
2. In what ways does the world encourage selfish ambition?
3. What do you think is the most destructive result of godly ambition? (Kory lists four or you can name others)
4. In what ways are you tempted by selfish ambition? (consider home, work, church, etc.)
5. How can we know whether our ambition is selfish or godly?
6. Which of the seven signs of godly ambition are most difficult for you?
7. What practical steps can/will you take to transform selfish ambition to godly ambition?



**Selfish Ambition**

“Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.”

Hebrews 12:3-4

“The gospel of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” : Our faith is focused on avoiding sin, rather than the fullness of life we get from following Jesus.

**Scripture: James 3:13-18**

You cannot claim to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ while living \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Two types of wisdom (vs 14):**

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ wisdom
* The wisdom that comes from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Worldly wisdom encourages \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**The grains of truth in the world’s messages:**

* The Bible tells us that all humans are made in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ image.
* They can inspire us to work hard to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* They can be important for people who are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Aristotle described \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as the attitude of a politician who sought public office for private gain.

**How selfish ambition hinders our faith:**

1. It makes us \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. It keeps us \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. It fractures \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. It leaves us unable to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Ambition itself is not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**We should strive for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Ambition:**

1. **It is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

Selfish ambition weakens our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in God.

1. **It is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

Peace is not just the absence of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. **It is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (Gentle)**
2. **It is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**
3. **Full of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and good \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**
4. **It is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**
5. **It is without \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

We try to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ good rather than \_\_\_\_\_\_ good.

Invest in personal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the sake of others.