

Godly Ambition

“So whether we are at home or away,
we make it our **aim** to please him”
(2 Cor. 5:9, ESV).

“... we make it our **goal** to please him”
(NIV).

“... we **aspire** to please him”
(Berean Standard).

“... we have as our **ambition**... to be
pleasing to him”
(NASB).

φιλοτιμέομαι
philotimeomai

φίλος τιμή
philos + timé
“lover” “honor”

[9] Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another, [10] for that indeed is what you are doing to all the brothers throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, brothers, to do this more and more, [11] and to **aspire** to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you, [12] so that you may walk properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one.

1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

[1] First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, [2] for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. [3] This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, [4] who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

[1] The saying is trustworthy: If anyone **aspires** to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. [2] Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, [3] not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. [4] He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive

ὀρέγομαι
oregomai

“to stretch out,
to reach after,
to yearn for”

[9] But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. [10] For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this **craving** that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

1 Timothy 6:9-10

[13] These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. [14] For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. [15] If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. [16] But as it is, they **desire** a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

Hebrews 11:13-16

[37] They were stoned, they were
sawn in two, they were killed with
the sword. They went about in skins
of sheep and goats, destitute,
afflicted, mistreated—[38] of
whom the world was not worthy—
wandering about in deserts and
mountains, and in dens and caves
of the earth.

Hebrews 11:37-38