



HOLY AMBITION

Exploring Kingdom Purposes in our Work & Wealth

Class Description: Has God wired you with professional ambition—entrepreneurial drive, business savvy, or a knack for building and producing? And when your work leads to success or increased resources, how should you view that in light of your faith? Whether you're just starting out or managing significant wealth, this course is for anyone gifted with the desire to build. We'll explore what Scripture says about wealth—its risks, its blessings, and God's purpose in entrusting us with this responsibility. Come discover how your ambition and resources can serve God's Kingdom with clarity, wisdom, and purpose.

Class Teacher: Clayton Terry and his wife Jamie are covenant members of Emmaus and have been attending since 2017. They have three children—Grayon (7), Jack (5), and Olivia (2). Professionally, Clayton works in business growth, acquisitions, and owner transitions. Him and his wife lead an MC Group at Emmaus and enjoy serving Emmaus in whatever ways we can. As a family, they love spending time on the ocean, especially offshore boating and exploring together.

Class Resources: All the resources needed for this class will be provided on the first night.

Class Outline: Here is an overview of the topics we will cover through the class.

Week 1 - Sunday, January 4

Title: Kingdom Purpose

Description: God wired you ambitious. You find joy and excitement in your vocation. By enjoying whatever it is you apply your professional ambition to, you aim to excel at your craft. Excelling at your craft in many cases has a direct correlation to your company's profit and your personal finances on your wealth building journey. But WHY are you driving further and faster in what you do? What is your PURPOSE in this ambition? (1 Timothy 6:9-10).

Academically, we know who gets the credit for our success, but how do you prepare your spirit to wholly believe where the wealth came from if/when that happens to you? (Deuteronomy 8:10-18). What steps should you take now to be spiritually mature enough to believe you are a manager of what God has entrusted you with? (Psalm 50:10)

Without being centered on Kingdom purposes, blind ambition and wealth creation can be like a cat chasing a laser. What steps need to be taken to be mission specific in your ambition that if whether the Lord gives you much or little, your eyes stay fixed above with open hands and not on temporal things

Week 2 - Sunday, January 11

Title: Skilled Hands

Description: You can't build wealth without excelling at your trade. How should we look at the work we do through a biblical lens? As ambitious believers, we often struggle less with laziness and can struggle more with the thoughts if we are working too hard. Am I focused on the temporal too much? Am I chasing things that are not of the Lord? How can I have Kingdom purpose in my field of work? How you approach your "work" with Kingdom purpose is the gateway to your views of building wealth.

Week 3 - Sunday, January 18

Title: Biblical Wealth and Generosity

Description: What does it look like when "God gives you great wealth"? (1 Chronicles 29:12). As believers, how should we view "keeping" some to provide for your family? (1 Timothy 5:8). Are we allowed to enjoy some of it on temporal "things"? (Ecclesiastes 5:18-19) How much are we called to give? (Luke 12:13-21). No matter if someone is starting out their professional journey, in the middle of it, or at the end and if you hope to build wealth or you have, these are introspective questions to ask ourselves. What is the state of our spirit when we are in achievement mode?

Week 4 - Sunday, January 25

Title: Thy Kingdom Come Thy Will Be Done

Description: The truth is, God may have wired you with great ambition but “your” vision of wealth and professional success may never materialize. But when we live out our ambitious spirit through the lense of the Kingdom, our temporal earthly “rewards” become irrelevant (Psalm 37). How do we keep our ambition fixated on the Kingdom in earthly and temporal environments where our heart can handle whatever God chooses to give us, whether it’s much or little (Philippians 4:10-13). Harness your **ambition** for things that are **Holy**. Build, drive, work hard in a temporal world with a focus on above. Keep your eyes lifted and hands open that the Lord may give you much but may also take away (Job). Either scenario our heart is set on the everlasting and new heavens and new earth (Revelation).