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Nurturing Godly Aspiration and Grateful Contentment
“Aspiring for More, Part III: When Aspiration Goes Astray”
Philippians 2:3, et al

The Biblical Warning: Philippians 2:1-4, especially v. 3, FJV (my emphasis)

Take a closer look at the corruption of aspiration.

Our question is: What shape does “selfish ambition” take?

I. _____. Proverbs 30:15-16; Luke 12:16-21; Colossians 3:5

1. We must avoid greed because it is a _____ on the soul. Proverbs 30:15-16.
2. Greed causes us to place ultimate _____ in the wrong object. Luke 12:13-21
3. Greed makes us _____. Colossians 3:5

II. _____. Proverbs 10:8; 1 Kings 12

III. Misplaced _____. Isaiah 31:1, 3; Ecclesiastes 3:11

1. We must resist the urge to see a mere _____ as the Savior. We already have a Savior, Jesus Christ.
2. Here's the problem: We are always looking for some human person to _____ us.

IV. The “_____ Solution.” Genesis 16

We might boil what I am calling the “Hagar Solution” down to one word: _____.

V. Harmful _____. 2 Corinthians 10:12

1. We can easily _____ aspiration when we are motivated by harmful comparisons with others.
2. Comparison between ourselves and others is a _____ and a distraction.

Take it home (applications).