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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).