

Holy and Loving Ambition
I Thessalonians 4:9-12; I Timothy 6:17-19

1) Live Simply – I Thess 4:11; II Cor 11:3

- Fill your life with the uncreated/eternal – Col 3:1-3; II Cor 4:15-18; Jo 10:10; 5:44
 ...cultivate being at home in God's ultimate reality – Ps 46:10; Jo 17:17
- Tend to your own business – Lk 2:49; Matt 6:22
 ...develop an overarching single standard – Matt 6:33; Col 3:17; Phil 3:7-8; Matt 6:39; Ga 2:20
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2) Work Well/Faithfully – I Thess 4:11; I Tim 6:18; Phil 4:8

- Work is an expression of our imageness in God – Gen 1-3
 ...we were made to create/contribute, not merely consume – Titus 3:14; Eph 4:28; I Tim 6:9-10
- View your work as sacred – Col 3:23-24
 ...a service of worship unto God – Ro 12:1-2
- Work for the worth/value of a job well done – Matt 25:21; II Tim 2:15 (a); Col 3:17
 ...God is not served by half-heartedness – Col 3:23-24

3) Be Generous – I Tim 6:17-18

- Generosity is how God teaches us the difference between greed and sufficiency – Lk 12:15;
 Prov 22:9
- Remember we are stewards not owners – Lk 16:2; 19:15
 ...all our resources are entrusted to us for the service of our King – Matt 6:33
- Make your life an offering to God – Ro 12:1; Ja 1:17-18
 ...choose self-expenditure over self-indulgence – II Cor 12:15

*The simple, faithful, generous Life of Jesus Christ will find His expression as us!