

AMBITION

Psalm 119:1-5 (AMP)

¹ BLESSED (HAPPY, fortunate, to be envied) are the undefiled (the upright, truly sincere, and blameless) in the way [of the revealed will of God], who walk (order their conduct and conversation) in the law of the Lord (the whole of God's revealed will). ² Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) are they who keep His testimonies, and who seek, inquire for and of Him and crave Him with the whole heart. ³ Yes, they do no unrighteousness [no willful wandering from His precepts]; they walk in His ways. ⁴ You have commanded us to keep Your precepts, that we should observe them diligently. ⁵ Oh, that my ways were directed and established to observe Your statutes [hearing, receiving, loving, and obeying them].

Proverbs 10:5 (KJV)

⁵ He that gathereth in summer is a wise son: but he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame.

Proverbs 16:1 (NLT)

¹ We can make our own plans, but the LORD give the right answer.

Proverbs 19:21 (CEV)

³⁰ We may make a lot of plans, but the LORD will do what he has decided.

Ecclesiastes 7:29 (CEV)

²⁹ I did learn one thing: We were completely honest when God created us, but now we have twisted minds.

Ephesians 5:15 (AMP)

¹⁵ Look carefully then how you walk! Live purposefully and worthily and accurately, not as the unwise and witless, but as wise (sensible, intelligent people),

Ephesians 6:15 (NLT)

¹⁵ For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared.

Colossians 4:5 (NLT)

⁵ Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity.

Philippians 3:7-11 (AMP)

⁷ But whatever former things I had that might have been gains to me, I have come to consider as [one combined] loss for Christ's sake. ⁸ Yes, furthermore, I count everything as loss compared to the possession of the priceless privilege (the overwhelming preciousness, the surpassing worth, and supreme advantage) of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord and of progressively becoming more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him [of perceiving and recognizing and understanding Him more fully and clearly]. For His sake I have lost everything and consider it all to be mere rubbish (refuse, dregs), in order that I may win (gain) Christ (the Anointed One), ⁹ And that I may [actually] be found and known as in Him, not having any [self-achieved] righteousness that can be called my own, based on my obedience to the Law's demands (ritualistic uprightness and supposed right standing with God thus acquired), but possessing that [genuine righteousness] which comes through faith in Christ (the Anointed One), the [truly] right standing with God, which comes from God by [saving] faith. ¹⁰ [For my determined purpose is] that I may know Him [that I may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him, perceiving and recognizing and understanding the wonders of His Person more strongly and more clearly], and that I may in that same way come to know the power outflowing from His resurrection [which it exerts over believers], and that I may so share His sufferings as to be continually transformed [in spirit into His likeness even] to His death, [in the hope] ¹¹ That if possible I may attain to the [spiritual and moral] resurrection [that lifts me] out from among the dead [even while in the body].

1 Thessalonians 4:11-12 (CEV)

¹¹ Try your best to live quietly, to mind your own business, and to work hard, just as we taught you to do. ¹² Then you will be respected by people who are not followers of the Lord, and you won't have to depend on anyone.

2 Thessalonians 1:11 (KJV)

¹¹ Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power:

1 Timothy 6:9-10 (KJV)

⁹ But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.. ¹⁰ For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.