

Holy and Loving Ambition  
1 Thessalonians 4:9-12; 1 Timothy 6:17-19

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

- Fill your life with the uncreated/eternal – Col 3:1-3; 1 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 – 1 Thess 4:11; 1 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; 1 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; 1 Tim 2:15 (a); Col 3:17
  - ...God is not served by half-heartedness – Col 3:23-24

3) Be Generous – 1 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 – 1 Cor 12:15

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