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1. Is Ambition wrong and sinful?
2. What are the consequences of misdirected ambition?
3. What is Godly ambition?

Matthew 20:20-28

20 Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favour of him.21 "What is it you want?" he asked. She said, "Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom."22 "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said to them. "Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?" "We can," they answered.23 Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink from my cup, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father."

24 When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers. 25 Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. 26 Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, 27 and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— 28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

1. Is Ambition wrong and sinful?

Ambition come from the Latin word *ambereae* which means “both....both”

Later the word came to mean:
“campaigning for a promotion”

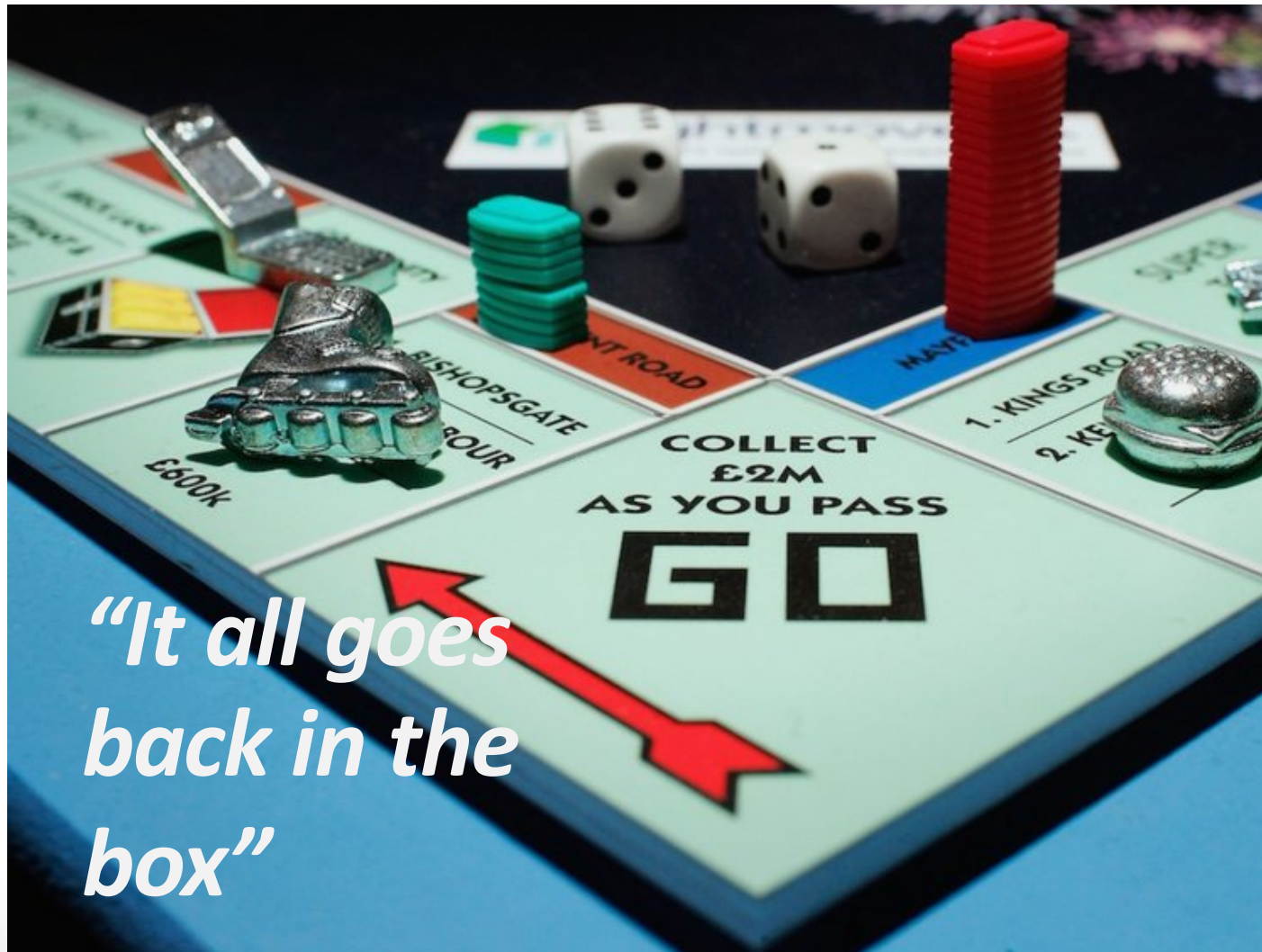
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HOLY AMBITON

Or you are

Wholly ambitious

2. What are the consequences of misdirected ambitions?



3. What is Godly ambition?

- Its **Backward** looking in its source
- It's a **Present** driver in our lives
- It should be very much **future** focused in its purpose

1. Its **Backward** looking in its source

John 3:16

For God so loved the world,
He gave His only Son, that
whoever believes in Him
should not perish but have
eternal life.

2. It's a **Present** driver in our lives

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Ephesians 6:7 / Colossians 3:23 / Luke 10: 27

2. It's a **Present** driver in our lives

Romans 15

20 It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known, so that I would not be building on someone else's foundation. 21 Rather, as it is written:

“Those who were not told about him will see,
and those who have not heard will
understand.”

3. Our ambitions should be **Future** focus in their purpose

Philippians 3:13

But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus

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