

Rescuing Ambition

A Summary of the Intro and Chapter 1

Introduction

Ambition is the instinctual motivation to aspire to things, to make something happen, to have an impact, to count for something in life. John Adams said every person is strongly actuated by a desire to be seen, heard, talked of, approved, and respected. To *rescue* is to save something, to prevent it from being discarded or harmed. The purpose of the book is to snatch ambition from the dust heap of failed motivations and put it to work for the glory of God.

Chapter One – Ambition Conceived

We pursue what we value. How we spend our time and our money reveals what we value.

- What does your wallet reveal that you value?
- What does your calendar reveal that you value?

We love glory; we were created to look for it and love it when we find it. Glory is about reputation, esteem, standing, and honor; it's inherent value that's recognizable to others.

- What gets you excited? What elates you? What pumps you up? Birth up of your child? Getting a promotion at work? Compliments for a great yard or a nice car or an "A" at school?

We always seek glory. How do we pursue glory?

1. We perceive something to be more precious than anything else.
 2. We desire to possess this glory.
 3. We go after this glory, sacrificing whatever it takes to get it.
- How do we perceive God's glory to be most precious?
 - Give an example of something you've sacrificed to get what you desired?

God doesn't oppose glory seeking; he commends and rewards it on the condition that we seek the glory that comes from him. We were created to be ambitious for God's glory and to take actions to pursue. To love the glory that comes from God is love Jesus, to value him more than anything else.

- What do we need to do increase our love for Jesus?