



Sole Ambition: 2 Corinthians 5:9

Ambition. Do you have ambition? What are you trying to accomplish in your life? What are you put on this earth to do, to accomplish? Is it to get rich or famous, or powerful, or loved? Or is your ambition focused in a different direction? A direction not about you at all, ambition to please God.....?

Goldie (the dog)

Strangely enough, my dog Goldie teaches me an awful lot about my relationship with God. You see, I was made (everything is) for God's good pleasure, to make Him happy. (see Rev. 4:11 and Philippians 2:13) It seems to me that animals were also given to mankind, especially in the beginning, for their good pleasure as well. Maybe the theology doesn't work so good here, but I know in my life, God has given me pets as a way to give me pleasure, and this is where I see the parallel.

Crazy, I know...

But I often thank God (out loud) for Goldie. I thank Him that she is fulfilling her purpose on this earth by making me happy. I thank God for this gift from Him. (I'm not the only one in the house, but I'm writing the story so it's like I'm the only one in the house:) Goldie waits for me to come home, she waits for me to call her, to tell her what to do. She waits for me to let her out, and feed her, she does tricks when I tell her to, etc. She is totally dependent on me to meet her needs, making my pleasure her sole ambition. Her entire life centers around me, her master. You know what else? She seems perfectly content with that purpose. Granted, she can't exactly communicate with me on my level, but she shows her loyalty, and dare I say, her love...if I'm happy, she is happy, and that's what she lives for.

Me (the human)

My relationship to God is a lot like Goldie's relationship with me. It is a bit different in that we, as humans, are made in the image of God, but dogs are not made in the image of humans...(I'm sure you get that, we can only take this analogy so far:) still, the similarities are quite staggering. Like Goldie to me, I am so dependent on God for everything. When I accepted the sacrifice of Jesus blood on the cross to take away my sins, I became the property of God. Everything in my life now belongs to God, I have been bought with a price. I am no longer my own, but neither am I the slave of anything or to anyone else. Jesus is my only master. Before I had this personal relationship with God, I was doing my own thing. I was the captain of my own ship, cruising here and there until I almost destroyed

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myself with selfish ambition. Then Jesus came and rescued me from my self, and gave me a new life that He is LORD of.

My Sole Ambition

Now my sole ambition is to please my Lord and Master, Jesus Christ. It's no longer about me, where I want to go, what I want to do. Actually, as a good friend of mine has said quite often, "God changes our wanters." :) That statement is so true. As this relationship with my Creator grows, I want what He wants, my desire is more and more to please Him, to make Him happy. I wait for Him, I try to be obedient to His call, I listen for His command....I want my whole life to center around Jesus, my master.

And you know what else? I'm perfectly (most of the time) content with that one purpose. I communicate this to God by my loyalty, and dare I say, love....Jesus said, "if you love Me, you will keep my commandments, so my obedience to God proves my love for Him. But How can I know what God's will is? How can I know what He wants? It's all found in one place, the Bible. In the Bible God communicates His desires to us...we find everything we need to please God.

Lord, help me be to You as Goldie is to me, a sincere pleasure. May my sole ambition be to please You in everything. Lord, that you would be glad You created and re-created me for Your purpose, glory, and good pleasure.