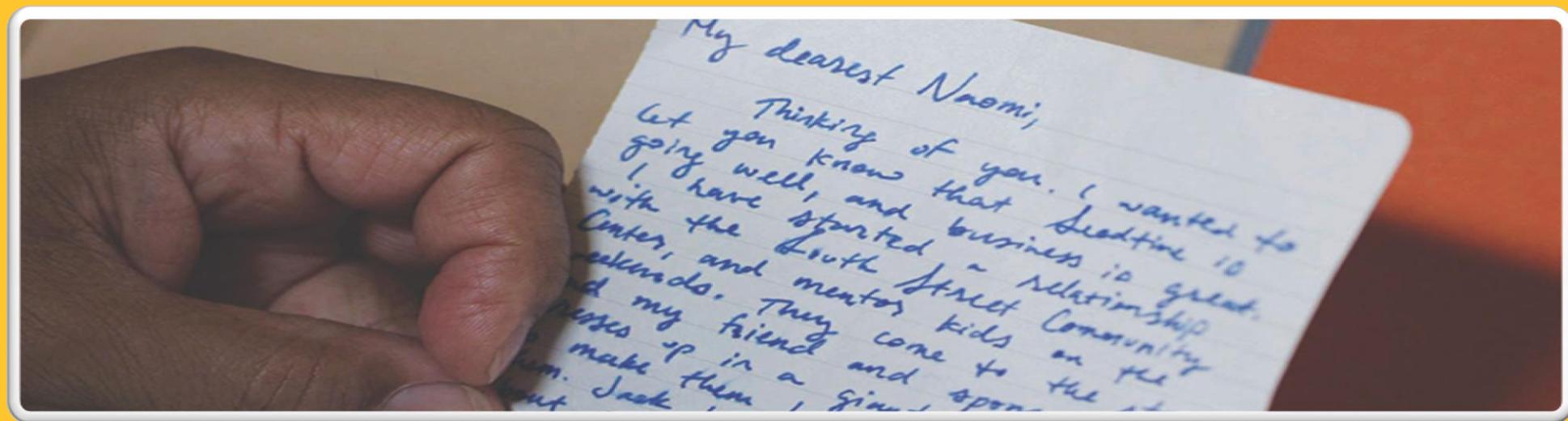


# LEADING GENEROUSLY

GIVE YOUR ESSENCE  
NOT JUST YOUR EXCESS

# “AMBITION”

## GODLY AMBITIONS AND PURE MOTIVES VS. SELFISH AMBITION



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*4 You adulterers! Don't you realize that friendship with the world makes you an enemy of God? I say it again: If you want to be a friend of the world, you make yourself an enemy of God.*

*5 What do you think the Scriptures mean when they say that the spirit God has placed within us is filled with envy?*

*James 4:4-5, (NLT)*

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*6 But he gives us even more grace to stand against such evil desires. As the Scriptures say, "God opposes the proud, but favors the humble."*

*7 So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

**James 4:6-7, (NLT)**

*Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world.*

*James 4:8, (NLT)*



*9 Let there be tears for what you have done. Let there be sorrow and deep grief. Let there be sadness instead of laughter, and gloom instead of joy.*

*10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honor.*

**James 4:9-10, (NLT)**



God can still work through mixed motives, of course, or even purely selfish ones, but this is not an image of generous leadership.

Rather, the generous leader has ambitions for others.



*18 Then his brothers also went and fell down before his face, and they said, "Behold, we are your servants."*

*19 Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God?"*

*20 But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive."*

***Genesis 50:18-20, (NKJV)***

**GENEROUS LEADERS  
KNEEL TO SERVE OTHERS  
INSTEAD OF SERVING  
THEMSELVES.**



A GENEROUS LEADER  
SEEKS THE GOOD OF THOSE IT  
LEADS, BUT ALSO SEEKS TO LEAD  
THEM TOWARD THE LIFE OF  
GENEROSITY FOR WHICH THEY  
WERE CREATED.



14 But if you have bitter, envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth.

15 This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic.

16 For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.

*James 3:14-16, (NKJV)*

17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

18 Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

*James 3:17-18, (NKJV)*

24 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it.

25 For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost?

*Luke 9:24-25, (NLT)*



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11 Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your hands, just as we told you,  
12 so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.

***1 Thessalonians 4:11-12, (NIV)***



“So the last will be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen.”

*Matthew 20:16, (NKJV)*

