

**Q: How am I to know my purpose and plan in life if I am to cut out all desires and ambition? (05-04-24)<sup>1</sup>**

**A:** Now again, that is a misunderstanding. If we desire to be a businessman, when actually we should be a professional man or artistic man, we may thwart our life plan. Whereas if, while we perform our everyday functions that are given us to do; if we in our prayers, in our communion, turn to the Father within, and in the sense of "Reveal the plan for me; reveal my purpose in life," keeping on doing right now what we are doing while we are doing it, and yet praying this inner prayer for guidance, the way will open to lead us out of what we are doing into what we should be doing.

Now that doesn't mean giving up ambition. On the contrary, it is indicative of the fact that we are ambitious to be fulfilled. We are ambitious to see ourselves functioning in a rightful order. When I speak of desires and ambitions, I'm speaking of the false sense of these that lead men to become dictators, or lead men to positions in and out of government, in and out of business, that takes them into high places without due regard and consideration for the rights of the world.

In other words, false ambition I speak of as being erroneous, not a rightful ambition. Certainly it is a rightful ambition to be successful. It would be a wrongful ambition merely to be successful to acquire a million dollars. And so, one has to understand what they mean by desires and ambitions.

It's right to desire the realization of God. It is right to desire that God fulfill Itself in harmony in our daily living. But to go to God in prayer with a specific desire that we want God to fulfill results in failure, because God does not fulfill our desires. God fulfills Itself in us.

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