

Discipleship Principle:

*To keep me from assuming God's job, I must **intentionally prune** out unruly ambition.*

At the heart of ambition is pride. Pride is at the core of sin. Sin fosters this issue of godship in my life.

Godship is taking the responsibility for running my life and achieving my desired outcomes away from God and assuming that role myself.

Recognizing Godship

- I stress over matters I can't control
- I manipulate to get my plans fulfilled



Recognizing Godship

- I make plans, then ask for God's blessing
- I base decisions on my happiness rather than God's holiness



Recognizing Godship

- I pray as a last resort, not as a first response
- I can't afford to give time, energy or money to God's work



Recognizing Godship

- I put hope for security and happiness in other things at the expense of simple trust and obedience to God



“God, I’m not trying to rule the roost; I don’t want to be king of the mountain. I haven’t meddled where I have no business or fantasized grandiose plans.”

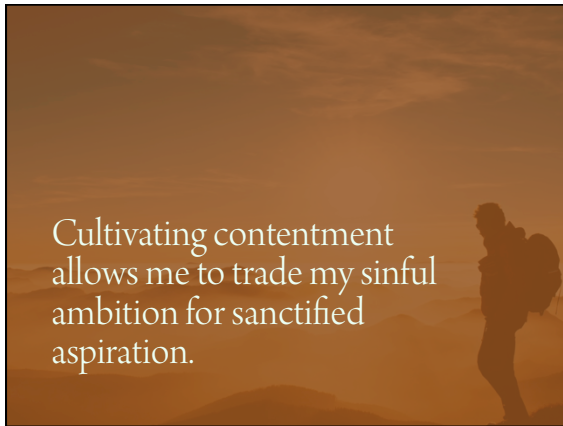
PSALM 131:1 / THE MESSAGE

first...

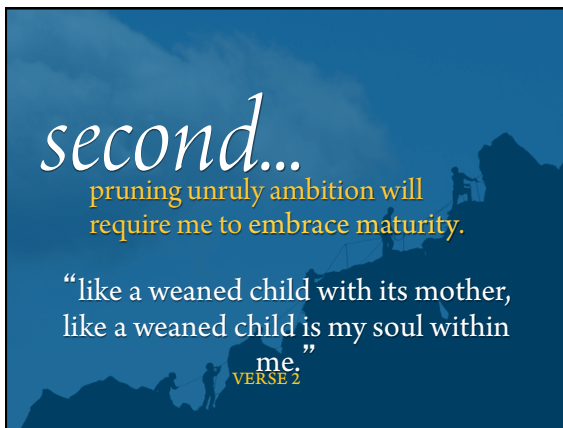
pruning unruly ambition will require me to cultivate contentment.

“I’m keeping my feet on the ground and cultivating a quiet heart.”

VERSE 2 / MESSAGE



Cultivating contentment
allows me to trade my sinful
ambition for sanctified
aspiration.

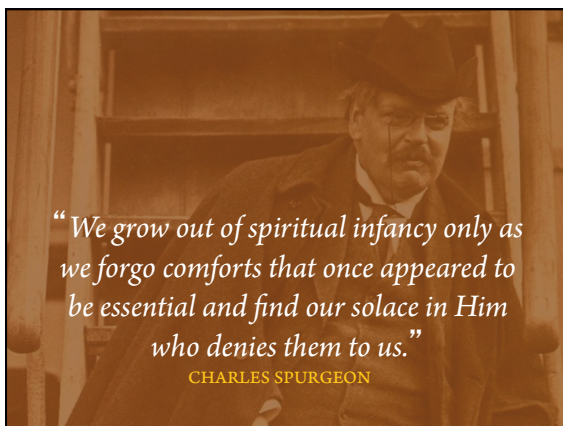


second...

pruning unruly ambition will
require me to embrace maturity.

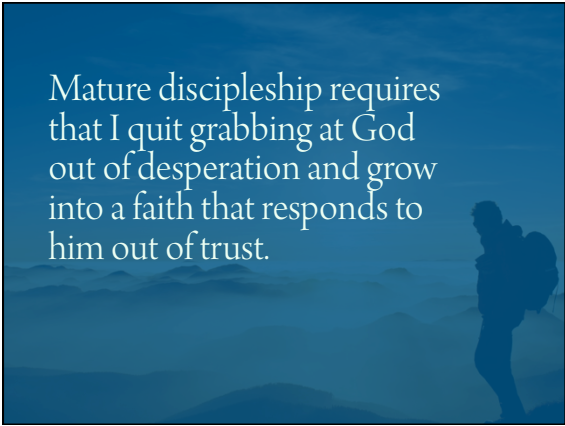
“like a weaned child with its mother,
like a weaned child is my soul within

me.”
VERSE 2

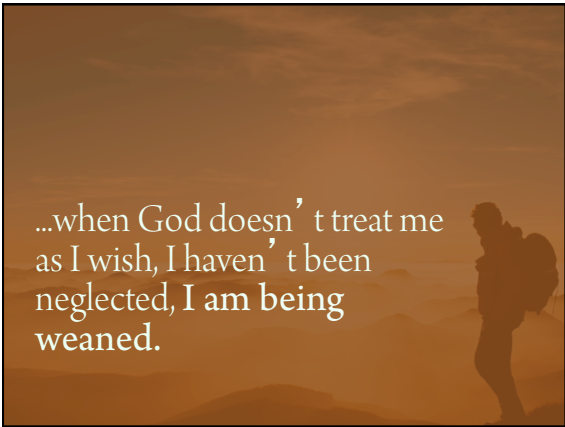


“We grow out of spiritual infancy only as
we forgo comforts that once appeared to
be essential and find our solace in Him
who denies them to us.”

CHARLES SPURGEON



Mature discipleship requires
that I quit grabbing at God
out of desperation and grow
into a faith that responds to
him out of trust.



...when God doesn't treat me
as I wish, I haven't been
neglected, I am being
weaned.



third...

pruning unruly ambition will
require me to practice hope.

“put your hope in the Lord both now
and forevermore.”

VERSE 3

