

# Aspiration

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## Intro

After church on Sunday morning, a young boy suddenly announced to his mother, "Mom, I've decided I'm going to be a minister when I grow up."

"That`s okay with us," the mother said, "But what made you decide to be a minister?"

"Well," the boy replied, "I'll have to go to church on Sunday anyway, and I figure it will be much more fun to stand up and yell than to sit still and listen."

## Explanation

What do you want to be when you grow up?

Monster.com 12000 careers to choose from

many books and websites and guidance counselors provide an infinite amount of opportunity to find out who you really are and what you should be doing in your life.

My personal opinion - mostly hogwash.

Myers-Briggs test

ww2 help determine what area of work a woman should do because they had to join the work force

trained psychologists didnt buy into it because a person is way to complex

so they moved to corporate and sold it to them.

not a science

I dont think its actually possible to determine who you really are in that fashion,

Every job I have had I planned on staying there forever. Every gf I had since 4th grade I thought was the one.

2nd grade married my cousin - by mistake.

## **last week - what makes you tick**

This week - your aspirations

## **Aspiration defined**

dictionary - a hope or ambition of achieving something

What do you aspire to become?

particular job?

family situation?

certain area to live in?

According to psychologists

- Physiological - food water shelter
- love/belonging - friendships, relationships, family
- Safety - includes personal and financial
- Esteem - respected by others
- Self-actualization - be all you can be

Your aspiration instinctively come from your need to fill these basic desires.

# **The Parable of the Lost Son**

**Luke 15:11–32 NIV**

Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.

"Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

"When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' So he got up and went to his father.

"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

"The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

"But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.

"Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. 'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.'

"The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!'

" 'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was

dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' ”

## **Watch these motivators**

### **Youngest son**

1. Esteem
  - a. thank Dad for all you've done but It's mine -- gimme
2. Self-actualization
  - a. I know you brought be up a certain way but I need to do things my way
3. Physiological
  - a. did what he wanted to fill his personal desires
  - b. found himself hungry and was motivated to get a job
4. Safety - financial and health - gone
5. Love and belonging - this is not where I am supposed to be.

### **Oldest Son**

1. Esteem threatened - he blew it while i did everything right
2. Love - twinge of jealousy

## **Father fills all**

1. Physiological - immediately fed, clothed
2. Safety - finances - a ring is put on his finger
3. Esteem the father runs
4. love/belonging - throws his arm around him and throws a big party
5. Self actualization
  - a. i wanna be all that I can be

- b. left to his own devices he found he wasn't that much
- c. with the Father he is all he can be.

## Conclusion

Sometimes I get emotional and choked up when I preach.

I wanted to be many things when I grew up. For many reasons. And somethings I got and somethings I didn't. But I have found that all those needs were only filled temporarily without Him. But my aspirations are filled to overflowing with Him.