

Korrekturhinweise

Ambition

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The speaker says: “Back in 15th century Italy, Leonardo da Vinci warned of its dangers. ‘It is ordained that to the ambitious, who derive no satisfaction from the gifts of life and the beauty of the world [...]’. Therefore, a famous artist believed that ambition could prevent enjoyment of the good things in life.

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The speaker says: “Researching the wise words people have said about ambition through the ages is a lesson in mixed messages. Is it good? Is it bad?” Therefore, studying different opinions on ambition over time, you come across various views.

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Neel Burton says: “So ‘ambition’ derives from the Latin ‘ambitio’, which is a ‘going around to solicit votes’. The speaker says: “So in Roman times, when people were seeking public office they would go around, talking to people, trying to get them to vote for them.” Therefore, “ambition” comes from an expression which meant to move from person to person.

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Neel Burton says: “So to be ambitious is to achieve first and foremost for the sake of distinguishing ourselves from other people. I think that, if we were the last person on earth, then to be ambitious would make little or no sense.” Therefore, the main aim of ambition is primarily to do something to set yourself apart.

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Rachel Bridge says: “To me, you know, all the amazing things in the world that have ever happened have been driven by somebody’s ambition.” Therefore, in Rachel’s view, people with ambition cause extraordinary changes to take place.

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Neel Burton says: “I think highly ambitious people are sensitive to resistance and failure, and experience an almost constant dissatisfaction or frustration. [...] their task is never finished.” Therefore, for Neel, one challenge of extremely driven individuals is that they suffer more when things go wrong.

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Neel Burton says: “[...] people with ambition are always driven for more, and they never quite reach their goal because once they do reach their goal, then they quickly formulate another, a higher, a different goal.” Therefore, Neel points out that ambition can cause people to continually work towards new aims.

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Neel Burton says: “I think that the weight of our ambition can be relieved by gratitude, in fact, which is the feeling of appreciation for past and present goods.” Therefore, you can deal with the negative effects of ambition better when you feel thankful for what you have.