

JAMBITO

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I would have started by telling you how it all began, outlining every in chronological order. But then I don't want to bore you with too many details. Scratch that! I'm starting from where and when it began, else how would you know all the details and draw lessons from my Jambito year on campus?

The day I found out that I had gotten admission into the most prestigious ABU ehn, my joy?

Was beyond description I was so excited that you could at that point ask for my ATM card pin and I will say it without thinking twice Don't mind me there was no money in the account.

I am one with big hopes and dreams, oh you can catch me daydreaming, planning how my future will turn out to be, and when you ask me, I'll tell you everything shamelessly. I was not ashamed of my dreams but I was ashamed of the one who put them in me, God.

The day I left for school was the first day I received such weight of counsel from my both parents, they urged me to be like Daniel in a strange land, he had no parents there with him, no one to monitor and scold him but he stood for his faith, unwavering and undisturbed by the threats and temptations around him. Strange how those counsels went through one ear and came out through the other. I paid no attention for they were words I was used to. I forgot to say that I knew the Daniel story like the palm of my hand, it wasn't new to me even though it made no sense to me. I didn't care, I'm not him and he isn't me! We are both in different generations.

Do you know how they say that the days of your first year on campus are your Odogwu days? Don't laugh at me. I lived large that year, I don't cook, and big girls buy food. I bought things for people, I just shouldn't be told that a friend was lacking something, I would buy it and extra!. I bought unnecessary things for myself. I would call home and talk like someone who's in distress and is about to die and they would send me money because they wanted me to be comfortable. I was told that the school was the largest University in sub-Saharan Africa, I believed I'll need to take bikes at every point so that I can reach my destination on time. Until one day I took my bike and later realized that the bike man went round the block and dropped me, then pointed at where I was going for me to walk the remaining. It was not funny. I felt cheated because I was not observant.

I remembered the day I was coming back from night reading, you know how Jambitos do their thing now? So I had no idea that the hostel usually gets locked at midnight, when I got to the gate and found it locked, I pleaded with the security guard on duty and she refused to let us in screaming at us to go back to where we were coming from. I had to go back to the class, where the mosquitos dieth not and the cold is not a respecter of people. On my way back to class I met security and they bundled us to the security office, I slept there! Since then I learnt to be more conscious of my time and not spend the nights out of my hostel.

I grew up in a very religious and humble home, we had devotions every day, I was not given the freedom to be wayward so I promised myself that when I got to school I'll be free like a bird in the sky, I'll do whatever I like, whenever I like and however I like it done. Valentine's Day came, the oppression!! I forgot to mention what took me by surprise the day I stepped into the room allocated to me. It was a very sunny day, I was already frustrated by the long line at the bank and I wanted to do was rest in a quiet place. Instead, I walked into the room and met seven more



ladies in there, with everyone doing her own thing, I struggled to get settled that day. I remember how that night I couldn't sleep properly. So back to the Valentine's Day story, everyone received gifts but I didn't, I never felt so alone in my entire existence. This further pushed me into the decision to become wayward and there was nothing any could do about it. So I thought.

Somewhere along the line, I met a senior student on campus who told me for free her life experiences and how it'll never pay to deviate from

the right path and from that day I made a decree within my heart that I will never defile myself with the portion of unbelievers and people who lacked honour for God and His instructions. I will walk in path of righteousness.

I'm journeying through school, mindful of the days I have left but more conscious of the lesson I've learnt these four years. It is important to be an all-rounder and more important to represent Christ wherever I find myself. Like Daniel be good in spiritual things, my academics, be a good and reliable friend, my goals and financial life and then to stand for Truth wherever I find myself. I learnt to be a Wholistic Student shamelessly.

A FELLOW CHRISTIAN FRIEND

BY OKORO WISDOM

The Decision I once was betrodden.
You and I were never in doubt of the Gospel's
Power.

In God, In His Only Begotten.
We have always, a sure Foundation for our
Tower

My insomnia can reach its peak.
My Troubles might peg through the solitude
of share pain.
My arm was constantly on the reach
For the personality of which my cares will
rain

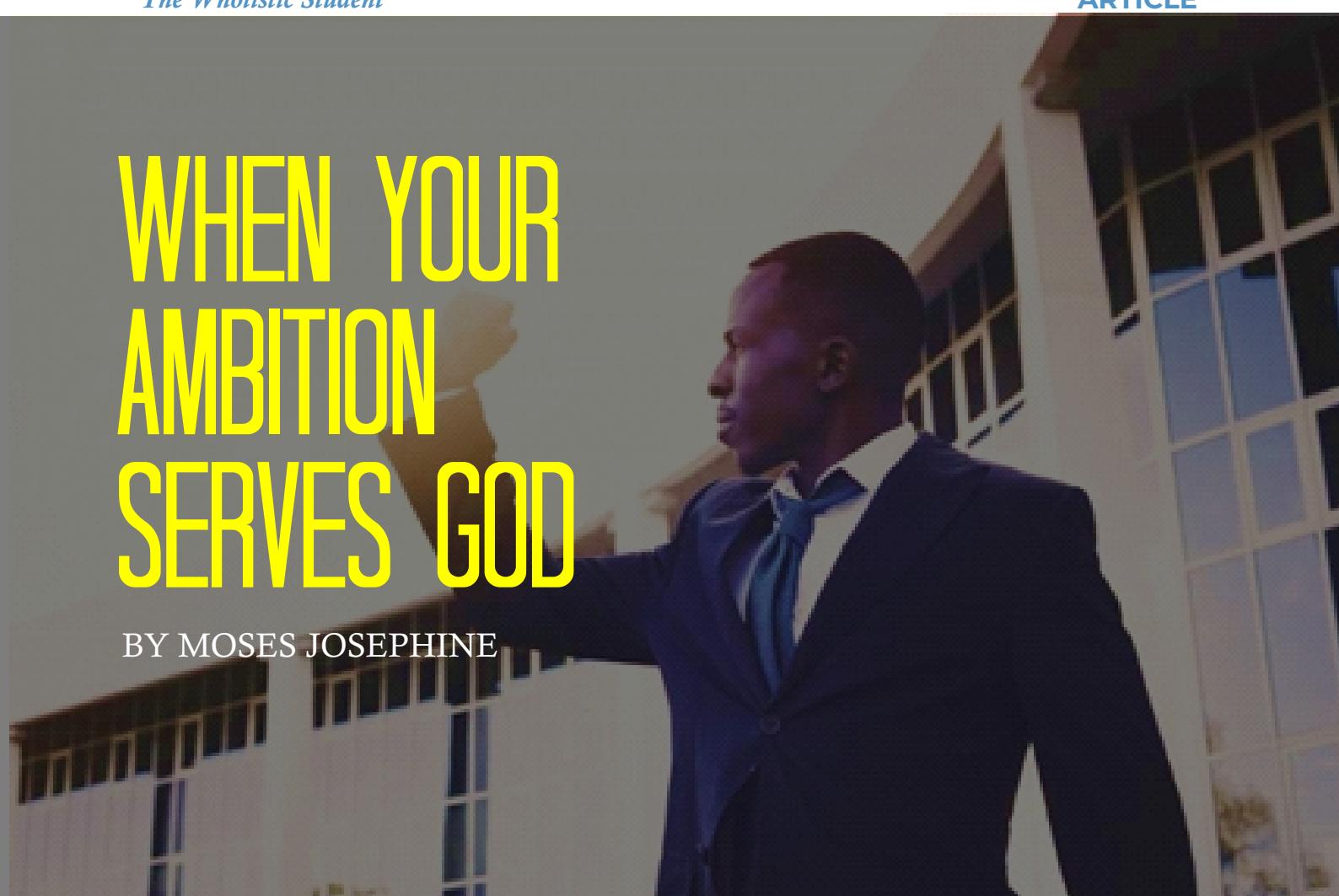
In your heart, you bore my destiny as a
treasure
And my salvation from sin was first.
That you would deliver to nothingness my
earthly pleasure
And to my eyes, set my priority to the test.

Our Company blossoms in moderation and
bliss.
Blessings beyond the worth of my best works.
Truly, I have found the epitome of Grace.
We have the reigning joy of the overcoming
cross.
In disjoint wounds, we never add salt.
We have a stronger meaning for our
propitiation.
And every anger or hurt between them is
brought to a halt.
Truly, the Holy Spirit has played the best
rendition.
And so I beseech my brethren to do the same.
Be a Christian Friend who follows this wise,
Of Peace, Charity and unfeigned faith
without shame.
Be this Friend and see the Perfect Body rise!



WHEN YOUR AMBITION SERVES GOD

BY MOSES JOSEPHINE



Ambition, often defined as an intense drive for success, power, or fame, takes on a different meaning when viewed through a godly lens. The Bible, in 1 Thessalonians 2:11, encourages us to embrace a unique form of ambition—one that emphasizes leading a quiet life, minding our own business, and working diligently. This perspective involves aligning our desires with God's will, fostering a deep connection with Him, and serving others. In this exploration, we will delve into the essence of godly ambition, the importance of selflessness, and the principles guiding our pursuits.

Godly Ambition: Rooted in Divine Will and Selflessness

At its core, godly ambition revolves around positioning our hearts and minds toward God's purpose for our lives. Unlike worldly ambition that seeks personal gain, godly ambition centers on fulfilling God's plan and radiating His light. Our motives come under scrutiny: Are we seeking recognition, wealth, or success for ourselves, or are we driven by a genuine desire to honor God and contribute to His kingdom? The call is to embrace selflessness, mirroring the humility and self-sacrifice demonstrated by Christ.

Aiming for Kingdom Priorities

Matthew 6:33 provides a guiding principle: "But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." This command directs us to prioritize God's reign and righteousness, trusting that our needs will be met as we align our ambitions with His purposes. Godly ambition is not about amassing wealth or fame, but about wholeheartedly seeking God's will and reflecting His love in our actions.

The Power of Humility

Matthew 23:12 and Philippians 2:3 remind us of the significance of humility. "Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted," reads Matthew 23:12. Philippians 2:3 underscores the importance of esteeming others above ourselves, discouraging rivalry or conceit. By humbling ourselves, we create space for God to elevate us and use our ambitions for His glory.

Seeking the Eternal

The world may offer temporary pleasures and possessions, but Luke 9:25 reminds us of their impermanence: "For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?" Godly ambition shifts our focus from transient pursuits to eternal values, safeguarding us from the empty pursuit of worldly gain.

Serving Others and Sharing the Gospel

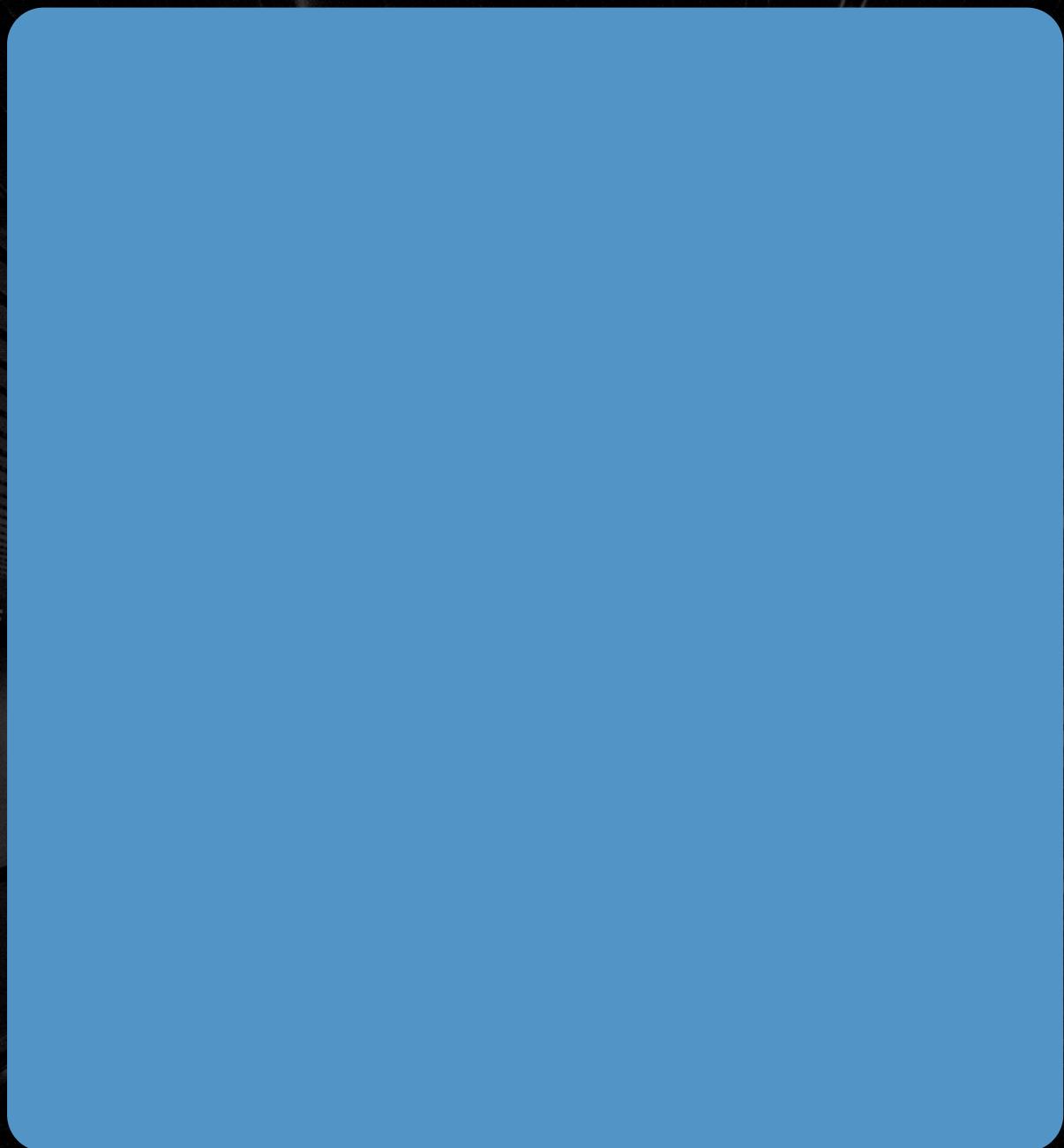
Romans 15:20 and Philippians 2:4 highlight the significance of directing our ambitions toward serving others and advancing the gospel. "And thus I make it my ambition to preach the gospel," writes Paul in Romans 15:20. Philippians 2:4 encourages us to prioritize not only our interests but also the interests of others, promoting unity and selflessness.

Overcoming Destructive Desires

James 4:1-2 and 1 Timothy 6:9 caution against succumbing to harmful desires and the pursuit of wealth. "Those who desire to be rich fall into temptation... plunge people into ruin and destruction," warns 1 Timothy 6:9. Godly ambition steers us away from such pitfalls, helping us cultivate contentment and gratitude while avoiding quarrels and covetousness.

In the pursuit of godly ambition, our hearts and minds must be attuned to God's will and guided by His principles. By seeking first God's kingdom, practicing humility, serving others, and prioritizing eternal values, we align our ambitions with divine purposes. As we embrace this transformative perspective, we discover fulfilment in delighting in what God delights in and experiencing His abundant blessings.

The Wholistic Student



EVERYBODY IS DOING IT

BY SPLENDOUR SAMUEL

Have you noticed that a lot of persons do some things simply because everyone is doing it without checking to see if it's right or wrong? Peer pressure has taken its toll on many. Premarital sex has become the norm in our society that nobody dares question it. The world has become accustomed to immorality that the truth almost has no stand.

Generations before now, premarital sex was a taboo. What we see in movies and other videos alike were tagged "sacred" but reverse is the case in this generation as almost everyone right now is doing it. Scary right? It would interest you to know that 3 out of every 5 teenagers or youth ranging from age 14 and above have had sex. The number of abortion keep rising daily.

Cases of lungs infection due to smoking is also on the rise. This is not a strange occurrence as smoking has unfortunately become the trend for young guys and even ladies! Internet fraud popularly called "yahoo" has taken the place of legitimate money-making schemes and jobs. Legitimate jobs are now seen as "time wasters". Some even take it a step further by going fetish and diabolical popularly called "yahoo plus." Youths no longer want to be in church for the fear of being guilt trapped



In such generation where the truth is scarce, the Bible urges us to be steadfast and hold unto God firmly. Christians were not made to blend in. We were made to stand out. We're bulbs, not oranges.

Romans 12:2 –

"And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

The bible urges us not to follow the patterns of this world. This is because it does not mirror the one in whose image we were made. However, we are encouraged to continually transform our minds.

In our world today, we are plagued with different images portraying immoral activities which in most cases are capable of swaying even the strongest of men. Images and other avenues for portraying ungodliness like music has the ability to unconsciously stick to our mind and can eventually raise doubts. This is why the bible in *Proverbs 4:23* – says "*guard your heart with all diligence for out of it comes the issues of life.*"

Make conscious efforts to be on guard and at alert at all times lest you fall prey to the devil

TIPS TO HELP YOU STAND OUT

1. Make intentional decisions to be the light and not blend in with others even when others would feel uncomfortable. Matthew 5:14, 16a - Let your light so shine before men.
 2. Keep friends with like minds, godly friends as the case maybe. 1st Corinthians 15:33 - Do not be deceived; evil communication corrupts good manners.
 3. Watch what you watch. Be wary of sites that promotes immorality.
 4. Guard your heart.
 5. In cases where immoral images and videos are inevitable, run back to the word of God. Purge your heart. Romans 12:2. Renew your mind.
 6. Stay on the word of God. 2 Corinthians 3:18. Keep beholding.
 7. Attend fellowships.
 8. Subscribe to godly sites only.
 9. Do not entertain ungodly conversations.
 10. If you're tempted, pray!
- Remember, you are in the world but not of the world.
PS: Just because everybody does it, doesn't make it

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