

(Or How to Solve Mid-Life Crisis)

Intro. Day of success syndrome. Pushed by ambition. Justified by wanting to glorify God by doing more for Him. Can be wrong ambition and success.

I. Need Conviction, v1

A. About self. Stated to God who knows all, Yahweh who is totally exalted. David was rich, wise, powerful, humble.

10yrs Saul persecuted. 7½ more Kg Judah in Hebron. Then recd promise of kingship. 1 Kg 15:5

B. About Abilities. Not involved (go to and fro) in great (things that lead to haughtiness), Jer 45:5. or high, wonderful, lead to excessive ambition. Same word Job 42:3 (wonderful) Job found fellowship with God more imp't than his supposed knowledge, ease & security, lack of understn His ways.

II. Need Contentment, 2.

appetites.

A. Responsibility. I do it. I have power to control & change

B. Route. Subdue ambitions of soul. Compose=level. Quiet=silence. Temptations, strivings, cryings, hunger like child.

C. Result. Weaned. Contentment in spite of loss of what seemed indispensable. Lie on breast without craving milk. Live in world without wrong ambition. In ministry, learn not to depend on external stimulants.

III. Need Commitment, 3

Self-existent & powerful delusion
I am the one who is, not was. Every day.

A. To Yahweh. Confidence in all-powerful one. Patience awaiting His plan.

B. To His will. Substitute wrong milk ambition for right ^{weaned} ambition. 1 Thess 4:11-pursue grind of life in discipline. 2 Thess 3:11-12.

2 Cor 5:9--please God in all of life. Stewardship. Accountblty Rom 15:20-preach gospel. Here where not heard.

Concl. v 3 from this time, forever. Start if haven't. Continue all life. Resume if quit.