

**FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH****Genesis 1-11*****“Avoiding Ambition’s Dark Side”***

**INTRO:** *The ambitious actions of Man in Genesis 11 echo the previous attempts by Man to achieve God-like status in the garden (Genesis 3) and through union with demons (Genesis 6).*

**I. All people have \_\_\_\_\_.** *God created Man with purpose and gave him the ability to have societal impact. Possessing **ambition** is not inconsistent with Man’s composition.*

**II. \_\_\_\_\_ ambition is condemned as \_\_\_\_\_**  
**(11:1-9).** *As the builders of the tower demonstrated, this kind of ambition perverts ambition’s three components.*

**III. To avoid ambition’s dark side, ...** *Israel was being warned to avoid the temptation that overtook the Shinar Tower builders. This warning is applicable to the church and individuals.*

**A. Embrace the right Goal: \_\_\_\_\_.**  
*The local Church and its individual members should have the same goal! Anything less shortchanges God’s worship.*

**B. Ensure a “path” consistent with the \_\_\_\_\_.**  
***Decisions** and **actions** should be consistent with our goal to glorify God.*

**C. Eschew unhealthy \_\_\_\_\_.**  
*We strive to fulfill our goal with motivating attitudes that are Biblical: love, humility, patience, compassion, etc. (Cf. Micah 6:8; Philippians 2:3-4; Colossians 3:8-9; 1 Peter 5:5).*