



Collective Worship

Week Commencing: Monday 29th June 2026

Core Value: Aspiration

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Courage in every step, Faith in every journey.

Opening Reflection

Let us pause, breathe, and
take a moment to reflect.

Dear God,

Help me do my best each day. Give
me courage to follow my dreams,
strength to keep trying when things
are hard, and wisdom to make good
choices. Guide me to use my skills
well and to help others.

Amen.



This Week's Theme: Aspiration

Aspiration as a core value means having the desire and determination to grow, improve, and achieve your best. It is about setting meaningful goals, striving for excellence, and continually developing your talents(skills) and character.

- 1) Reflect on and discuss the image on the top right-hand side of this slide. Is it easy to achieve our goals straight away?
- 2) Look at the words in the other image. How do they help us achieve our goals

Life gives us challenges. Aspiration builds character and helps us become the people we are meant to be.



This Week's Challenge

1) Make a choice to aspire to something you want to be this week

2) Commit to understanding what aspiration means to you individually

3) What aspect of aspiration have you chosen to work on?

4) Reflect at the end on what changed. Are you closer to your goals



A Story of Aspiration:

A good Bible story that illustrates aspiration is the Parable of the Talents told by Jesus in the book of Matthew in the new testament

A rich master was preparing to go on a long journey. Before leaving, he gave his servants different amounts of money called “talents”:

- One servant received five talents
- Another received two talents
- Another received one talent

The master expected them to use the money wisely while he was away.

The servant with five talents worked hard and made five more.

The servant with two talents also worked and made two more.

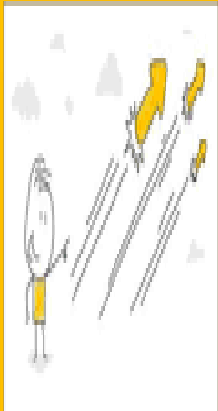
But the servant with one talent was afraid of losing it, so he buried it in the ground to keep it safe.

After a long time, the master returned and asked what they had done. He praised the first two servants for working hard and growing what they had been given. He rewarded them for their effort and responsibility.

But the third servant was told off because he did nothing with his talent. He had let fear stop him from using or developing it.



ASPIRATION!



What is an ASPIRATION?

Aspiration means to have a goal or motive to do something. Aspiration is about aiming high and doing your best.

A Story of Aspiration

From this story, we learn that **aspiration is about making the most of the gifts, talents, and opportunities we have been given.** The first two servants showed aspiration by working hard, taking initiative, and striving to grow. The third servant let fear prevent him from using his abilities.

Lessons to Discuss about Aspiration

- **Use your talents wisely** – Everyone has unique gifts and strengths that should be developed.
- **Aim to grow and improve** – Aspiration means not being satisfied with staying where you are.
- **Take initiative** – The successful servants acted on the opportunities they were given.
- **Don't let fear hold you back** – Fear of failure can prevent us from reaching our potential.
- **Be responsible with your opportunities** – Aspiration involves making the best use of what we have.

Simple takeaway

Aspiration means having the courage and determination to develop your talents, pursue growth, and become the best version of yourself.

Reflection Questions

Understanding Aspiration

1. What does aspiration mean to you?
2. Who is someone you admire, and what aspirations do they inspire in you?
3. What are your biggest dreams for the future?
4. Why is it important to have goals and ambitions?
5. How do aspirations help shape a person's character?

To Take Away

Think about a future version of yourself who has achieved an important goal. Describe who you have become, what challenges you overcame, and what advice that future self would give you today.



Closing Prayer

Let us pause, breathe, and
take a moment to reflect.

Loving God,

Thank You for this day. Inspire us to
aim high, do our best, and use our
talents to serve others. Guide us to
grow in wisdom, kindness, and
purpose each day.

Amen.

