

Ambition and Contentment

If you were born in a sociocultural environment where people believe in faith and fate, you are more likely to be content; and to accept whatever you may get in life. People who are content tend to lack motivation to do more and feel satisfied, regardless of how little that might have. Therefore, if contentment comes first, it does matter how much you have, because you will always have enough.

People born in an environment where a culture of unrestrained competition prevails, are more likely to be ambitious and often aggressive as well; they tend to work very hard, and let themselves be transformed through work into money making machines that never stop running. Therefore, if unrestrained ambitions come first, it does not matter how much you may have, because you will never have enough.

Content people are more likely to lead simple, quiet lives, and have little regard for work or money. Unrestrained ambitious people are more likely to lead busy, distressful lives and to be obsessed with work and money.

Man, to feel happy, satisfied and be productive, must strike a balance between unrestrained ambitions and unmotivated contentment. He needs to work hard, be focused, set achievable goals, know when to stop working, and seek satisfaction in getting as much knowledge as possible and giving as much assistance as conceivable, especially to those who need his help most.

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