



**PRAYER
TIME**

Read:

Psalms

33:1-5

**Praise to The Creator
And Protector**

LET'S

PRAY

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Praying Like Jesus

Study 8:

“Jesus prayed before
making
Important Decisions”

Luke 6:12-13



JESUS PRAYED BEFORE MAKING IMPORTANT DECISIONS

It was Jesus' practice to pray before making important decisions. The more important the decision, the longer he prayed about it. An example of that is when, "During those days he went out to the mountain to pray and spent all night in prayer to God." (Read Luke 6:12).

Why would Jesus pray all night?

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CONT.

1. He knew the opposition against him was strong. It would finally result in his crucifixion.
2. He needed the strength to face the path that lay ahead of him.
3. He wanted the father's guidance as he selected the twelve disciples. They would carry his message after he was gone. They were the future of the church. It has been said that the most important decision in any organization are the people decisions. These men were essential to Jesus' mission and purpose on earth.
4. He knew that strategic decision required longer time to process.

Why is praying before a decision important to us?





PRAYER KEEPS US IN TUNE WITH GOD'S WILL AND GOD'S WAY

Jesus said on another occasion: “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to finish his work.” (John 4:34)

Notice the Pronouns:

- Whose will does Jesus want to do? (God's)
- Whose purpose does he want to accomplish? (God's)

To know God's will and to know God's purpose, we must know God. And the only way to know God is to spend time with God in prayer.

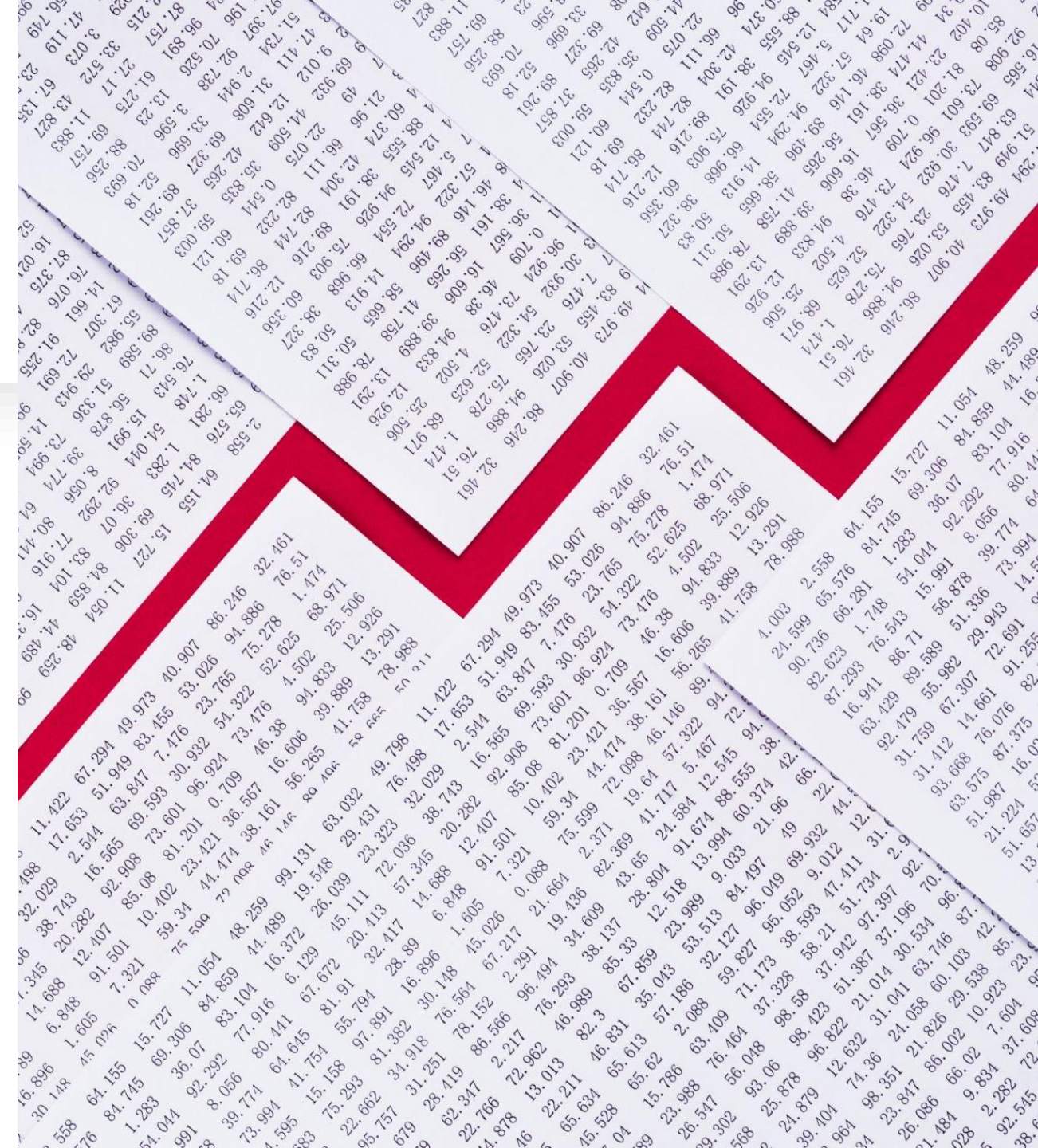
How does this apply to us? It is easy to go through life making all sorts of decisions without considering what God may want in each of those circumstances.

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There are two records of our decisions that present a clear picture of what is important to us:

Our **checkbooks** and our **calendars**.

Based on these two documents whose will and whose purpose are we trying to accomplish with the use of our time, money, and energy?



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Praying before important decisions reorients us toward God. It causes us to ask:



What does God want for me?



What is his mind and wisdom about this opportunity?



Why have I been placed in this circumstance?



What gifts has God called me to exercise?

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Last Week

Psalms 95:1

“Come let us sing praises
unto the Lord! Let us shout
praises to the one who saves
us.”

Psalms

100:1

“Shout joyfully to the Lord, all
the earth.”



NEXT
WEEK

Praying Like Jesus

“Jesus prayed
for his
Disciples”

John 17:9-26