

Weekly Prayer Strategy

25 September – 30 September 2017

This week's prayer strategy is based on the sermon by Paul Nyamuda entitled: Biblical Decision Making Pt 2.

Prayer Point 1

Luke 14:25-34

²⁵ A large crowd was following Jesus. He turned around and said to them, ²⁶ “If you want to be my disciple, you must, by comparison, hate everyone else—your father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple.²⁷ And if you do not carry your own cross and follow me, you cannot be my disciple.²⁸ “But don’t begin until you count the cost. For who would begin construction of a building without first calculating the cost to see if there is enough money to finish it? ²⁹ Otherwise, you might complete only the foundation before running out of money, and then everyone would laugh at you. ³⁰ They would say, ‘There’s the person who started that building and couldn’t afford to finish it!’ ³¹ “Or what king would go to war against another king without first sitting down with his counsellors to discuss whether his army of 10,000 could defeat the 20,000 soldiers marching against him? ³² And if he can’t, he will send a delegation to discuss terms of peace while the enemy is still far away. ³³ So you cannot become my disciple without giving up everything you own.

- Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you what it means to count the cost as you serve God.
- Pray for the grace to fully embrace the cost of serving God.

Prayer Point 2

- Go through the list below and honestly respond to each question. Where necessary ask for deeper revelation from the Holy Spirit and pray that you will fully carry God’s heart as you labour in the Kingdom.
 - Opportunity cost – what will I lose?
 - What will I gain?
 - Who will benefit?

- What preparation is required?
- How much persecution will this mean for me?
- How will this decision affect my relationship with God?
- How does it affect significant relationships in my life?
- How will it impact the call of God on my life?
- How will it derail me from the call of God on my life?
- How is it worship unto God?
- What will the people I love gain and what will they lose?
- What will the church gain and what will it lose?

Prayer Point 3

Proverbs 27:12 NASB

A prudent man sees evil and hides himself, the naïve proceed and pay the penalty.

- Meditate on the consequences of not counting the cost.
- Pray that you will perceive these consequences from God's point of view and not your own.

Prayer Point 4

Matthew 16:21-25

From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. 22 Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" 23 Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns." 24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 25 For whoever wants to save their life[a] will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.

- Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you attitudes, things and people that are determined to derail you from carrying your cross.
- Rebuke them and commit yourself to following God fully.
- Be accountable to someone close to you regarding this area.

Prayer Point 5

Proverbs 14:15

The simple believe anything, but the prudent give thought to their steps.

- Give careful thought to what you are called to and ask God to prepare you for the task. (Mentally, spiritually, emotionally and physically).

Prayer Point 6

Matthew 16:26 ESV

For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?

- Pray for wisdom to rightly order your priorities.

Prayer Point 7

Matthew 10:37

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

- Pray that God and His Kingdom will always be first in all you do.
- Be alert and watchful for unhealthy soul ties and approval addiction. Pray against these obstacles.
- Pray that your family will be supportive as you pursue God's purposes.
- Pray for absolute clarity regarding the pre-eminence of Christ's Lordship in your life.

Prayer Point 8

Luke 14:33 NIV

33 In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

Matthew 8:18-22 ESV

Now when Jesus saw a crowd around him, he gave orders to go over to the other side. And a scribe came up and said to him, “Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go.” And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” Another of the disciples said to him, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” And Jesus said to him, “Follow me, and leave the dead to bury their own dead.”

- Pray for strength to overcome the power of mammon in your life.