

Five P's to A Good Commitment Decision

The first P is **PRAYER** prayer starts it all. How can I know God's will for my life in the midst of this campaign without talking to Him?

Luke 22:41-42 "And He withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and began to pray, saying, "Father, if Thou art willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Thine be done." NASB

The second P is **PERSONAL** it's about how I can glorify God with my decision, not about the actions of my friends or neighbors.

John 21:20-22 "Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; the one who also had leaned back on His breast at the supper, and said, "Lord, who is the one who betrays You?" Peter, therefore seeing him said to Jesus, "Lord, and what about this man?" Jesus said to him, "If I want him to remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow Me!" NASB

The third P is **PROPORTIONAL** it's not about quantity – it is about my faith and the quality of my gift. It is not about how much. It is about how much it costs me.

Mark 12:43-44 "Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the contributors to the treasury; for they all put in out of their surplus, but she, out of her poverty, put in all she owned, all she had to live on." NASB

The fourth P is **PLEASING** it's about seeking a commitment decision that would be pleasing God. For most of us, it is easy to find what is pleasing to us. It is tougher to find what is pleasing to God. It causes us to struggle and stretch under the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

Heb 11:6 "And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him." NASB

The fifth and final P is **PEACE** it's about receiving peace through the knowledge that we have made a prayerful, personal, proportional commitment that is pleasing to God.

Phil 4:7 "And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." NASB