

"And it came to pass in those days, that He went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God." Luke 6:12 KJV

- Hills of Galilee >>>



When faced with life altering decisions it is wise to seek counsel. One person is good but many wise people is better, because *"in the multitude of counsellors there is safety."* We often seek advice from those who tend to think as we do, but therein lies a problem. A friend will advise to protect and advance your agenda instead of relying on the facts, while a professional will give you the benefit of having done it. It is better to seek advice from experienced professionals than a friend concerning some things. For example: If I want a career in say, Wall Street, I should seek advice from stockbrokers not basketball players. Jesus was faced with choosing twelve to lead and train while here on earth, so He prayed all night. Jesus is God so basically He went to be alone with His thoughts; ergo, God's Word, where His body would not be sidetracked with the clamor of humanity. Herein lies a goodly lesson for every believer. You may get good sound advice from Godly men, but the best counsel comes from the Omnipotent Omniscient Jehovah through His written Word. Pray to God for wisdom and trust Him to give it. *"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him."* Where do we find God's answers? They don't just fly out of the Bible and dance around in the air over your head, you have to read, study, and *"meditate therein day and night."* The test of a Godly decision is, your flesh will rebel against it. It probably will not make you "feel" good. Your feelings are not the parameters of Godly judgment. Feelings are generally pitfalls of faith. The bottom line is: Will it please you or God? Never make a major decision in a whirlwind of feelings or on an impulse. Impulses are usually Satanic! Get alone with God, read and meditate on related passages, and let Truth guide your steps. Ask yourself "Why am I really contemplating a certain step? Is it to avoid pain, afford pleasure or ease, or to please God?" Don't rationalize or make excuses; just be honest. Is your decision based on God's pleasure or yours? Those who claim not to know God's will for their lives are ignoring God's Word. If they would obey the easily understood commands like; *"Abstain from ALL APPEARANCE of evil."* Or *"Pray without ceasing."* Or *"In everything give thanks."* Or *"Preach the Gospel to every creature."* They'd be rather busy I'd think.

Pray without pause when faced with pain,
Let Truth decide your utmost gain,
Take care to Him, who bore all things,
And leave it there before your King. ~CGP

It's never easy to choose the right, but the reward is great peace and comfort to your soul. The wicked will fall by his own devices, because he trusts only his own judgment. *"His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the cords of his sins. The curse of the LORD is in the house of the wicked: but he blesseth the habitation of the just."* Wrong will never make right! Don't fall by your own hand! *"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth. The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower."* Have you been to the Mountain?

"My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers (different) temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience (seeking and waiting on God) have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing." James 1:2-4 KJV