

## Reflecting the Principle through Self Evaluation

### Life Principle #27

*Prayer is life's greatest time saver.*

Are you willing to stop and listen to God?

Listening to God can make you as fruitful as you can be for Him.

Below are blessings of listening to God. Are you reaping these blessings?

### Talking to God helps us use time wisely because it . . .

**Provides timely direction:** In emergencies, prayer can give us clear guidance and eliminate confusion.

**Prevents wrong decisions:** Prayer can help us avoid costly mistakes.

**Eliminates worry and anxiety:** As believers, we don't have to fret (Phil. 4:6-7); God has everything under control.

**Produces peacefulness:** If we begin each day with God, He will help us remain calm.

**Invites God into our activity:** The Father will help us use time well.

**Produces confidence:** When we have clear guidance from God, we can move ahead boldly and quickly.

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**Sharpens discernment:** Prayer increases our ability to see past the surface to what is happening spiritually.

**Gives us energy:** Prayer can rejuvenate us when we are exhausted.

**Prevents distractions:** Each morning, ask God what you are supposed to accomplish and request that He help you avoid needless activities.

**Reminds us to act now:** Perhaps you have procrastinated or forgotten to do something. Through prayer, God can motivate you to accomplish such tasks.

**Protects us from discouragement:** Talking to the Lord reminds us of His perspective.

**Opens doors of opportunity:** By us asking God to open doors of opportunities, prayer creates opportunities where none existed before.

**Helps us discern between busyness and fruitfulness:** Don't say yes to every opportunity: prayerfully consider which ones God has ordained for you to pursue.