**To Set Proper Priorities**

Father, too often I allow urgency to dictate my schedule, and I am asking You to help me establish priorities in my work. I confess my weakness\* of procrastination and lack of organization. My desire is to live purposefully and worthily and accurately as a wise (sensible, intelligent) person.  
You have given me a seven-day week—six days to work and the seventh day to rest. I desire to make the most of the time [buying up each opportunity]. Help me plan my day and stay focused on my assignments.  
In the name of Jesus, I demolish and smash warped philosophies concerning time management, tear down barriers erected against the truth of God, and fit every loose thought, emotion, and impulse into the structure of life shaped by Christ. I clear my mind of every obstruction and build a life of obedience into maturity.  
Father, You are in charge of my work and my plans. I plan the way I want to live, but You alone make me able to live it. Help me to organize my efforts, schedule my activities, and budget my time.   
Jesus, You want me to relax. It pleases You when I am not preoccupied with getting, so I can respond to God’s giving. I know You, Father, and how You work. I steep my life in God-reality, God-initiative, and God-provisions.  
  
\* If you do not know your strengths and weaknesses, ask the Holy Spirit to reveal them to you. The Lord speaks to us: "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness" (2 Cor. 12:9 nas).  
  
By the grace given me, I will not worry about missing out, and my everyday human concerns will be met. I purpose in my heart to seek (aim at and strive after) first of all Your Kingdom, Lord, and Your righteousness (Your way of doing and being right), and then all these things taken together will be given me besides.  
Father, Your Word is my compass, and it helps me see my life as complete in Christ. I cast all my cares [anxieties, worries, and concerns] over on You, that I might be well-balanced (temperate, sober of mind), vigilant, and cautious at all times.  
I tune my ears to the word of wisdom, and I set my heart on a life of understanding. I make insight my priority.  
Father, You sent Jesus that I might have life and have it more abundantly. Help me remember that my relationship with You and with others is more important than anything else. Amen.

**Scripture References:**  
Ephesians 5:15,16 amp    Matthew 6:33   
Genesis 2:2 niv     message, amp  
2 Corinthians 10:5,6 message    Colossians 2:10   
Proverbs 16:3,9 message    1 Peter 5:7,8 amp  
Matthew 11:29 message, amp    Proverbs 2:3 message  
Matthew 6:31 message    John 10:10

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