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Monday, February 2, 2009 -- (Meditation: James 1:5-6) God, "applying Christian principles in business" sounds clear-cut, but in practice it's painfully complex. How do we decide whether to pay a dividend, to give raises, or to invest in plant and equipment? How do we decide whether to improve quality, or to cut costs? In a tough economy, will we have to have layoffs? Will raising prices help or hurt our profit? How will new technology affect jobs? How can we compete without moving jobs to low paying countries? God, in the gut-wrenching decisions of daily work, guide us to do Your will. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Tuesday, February 3, 2009 -- (Meditation: Lamentations 3:22-23) God, sometimes I am despondent. I don't want to go out. I don't want to go to work. I don't want to go to church. I am filled with self-doubt. I stop reading the Bible and stop praying. Yet, in my despair, You have healed me. You have held my hand. You have walked with me. You have shown me that Your love is far greater than all my doubts. O God, how great is Your faithfulness!

Wednesday, February 4, 2009 -- (Meditation: II John 6) God, you have only one expectation of me -- to love. It is so simple, and yet so difficult to do. To get around it, I replace your single expectation with many of my own -- to succeed, to be accepted, to look good, to be in control. God, forgive my complicated, self-centered expectations. Rarely do they bring joy or peace -- they just beg for more. Grant me the humility to ask only one thing each day, "Lord, how can I love You and others today?" In Jesus' name. Amen.

Thursday, February 5, 2009 -- (Meditation: II Timothy 2:15) God, You know my company's line - the best quality, the best service, the most caring, the most creative. Sometimes I believe it to be true, but sometimes I don't, and it's an empty, uneasy feeling. All companies do this, so we get caught up together in a whirlpool of half-truths, half-lies. We can't stop for fear that others will get ahead of us. So we go on polishing our public image. God, enter our whirlpool. Help us to see what we are doing. Help us to present ourselves in an honest way, and forgive us when we are not honest with You. Through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Friday, February 6, 2009 -- (Meditation: Genesis 17:7) God, thank You for the precious times when our family is together . . . for looking again at pictures taken when we were younger . . . for sharing memories we have shared before . . . for singing together the familiar words of old songs . . . for cooking according to handed-down recipes . . . for family lore and traditions . . . and for eating together and praying together. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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