

Committee Reflection (August)

Opening Prayer

Gracious God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:

We are here to serve you, opening our hearts and minds to your sacred voice.

Help us to have the meekness of mind

to seek your thoughts over our own thoughts;

to have the humility of heart to yearn for one will—Your will;

to have the Serenity of the Spirit to let your peace be our peace,
no matter what transpires.

Help us to be your servants seeking wisdom, and acting in faith.

Hear us as we pray the prayer Christ taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven...



Philip Yancey, *Reaching for the Invisible God*

God often does his work through “holy fools,” dreamers who strike out in ridiculous faith, whereas I approach my own decisions with calculations and restraint. In fact, a curious law of reversal seems to apply in matters of faith. The modern world honors intelligence, good looks, confidence, and sophistication. God, apparently, does not. To accomplish his work God often relies on simple, uneducated people who don’t know any better than to trust him, and through them wonders happen. The least gifted person can become a master in prayer, because prayer requires only an intense desire to spend time with God.



Questions

- *What touches your or leads you to deeper reflection in this passage?*
- *What does it say about the nature of Christian leadership?*