

# Prayer Before Battle

When Dwight D. Eisenhower led the Allied invasion of Europe during World War II, he faced the responsibility of making one of the most difficult and far-reaching decisions ever tackled by a single person. He made the decision to change the date of the D-Day invasion – the start of the Battle of Normandy – at the last moment.

The potential consequences were so overwhelming that Ike felt almost crushed by their weight. Still, he was the Supreme Commander and the only one trusted to make a choice that would impact the lives of millions.

Writing about the pressure, Eisenhower noted, “I knew I did not have the required wisdom. But I turned to God. I asked God to give me the wisdom. I yielded myself to Him. I surrendered myself. And He gave me clear guidance. He gave me insight to see what was right, and He endowed me with courage to make my decision. And finally, He gave me peace of mind in the knowledge that, having been guided by God to the decision, I could leave the results to Him.”

The decision you make in your job might not approach the magnitude of General Eisenhower’s. But whatever the size of the problem, God wants you to trust Him, and let Him guide you through it.

--Beecher Hunter