

Daily Devotion For January 5, 2023

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.” John 15:16

When I was in college, I was recruited to play volleyball for Fresno State. The interesting part was that I had never played competitive volleyball before. While playing intramural volleyball, the players on the Fresno State Volleyball team were the referees and thought that I was decent enough to play. They arranged a trial out for me with the head coach and afterwards the coach said, he'd like me on the team but told me that I wouldn't play very much. Looking back, I regret that I didn't take advantage of that opportunity.

In the days of Jesus, a person who was interested in learning spiritual things would follow the various teachers and would choose from among the many teachers which Rabbi they wanted to learn from. With Jesus however, the disciples did not choose Him, He choose the disciples, people like Peter, James, John. Even Judas who betrayed Him.

Thought For Today: Jesus has chosen us too! He has chosen us so that we might bear spiritual fruit that will last forever, to do His will, and bring honor and glory to His name. What does it mean to you that you have been chosen by God? We have this great privilege so let's not regret that we didn't take advantage of this great opportunity.

Today's Prayer Focus: Thank God that He has chosen you to be his special and precious child. Pray for our nation's leaders and that a Speaker of the House will be elected soon to do the work of the American people. Deo Volente.