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What did Jesus pray? He did not choose the twelve apostles arbitrarily. He knew each one, and He also knew each of His disciples whom He called. He accompanied them. His prayer must have been specific, and He must have prayed for each one, by name (a great crowd of disciples). That is why He spent all night.

Do I pray for the brothers and sisters? By name? Do I know their names? Do I know their needs?

When I pray for a brother or a sister, the Lord may speak to me concerning how to accompany him or her, or what to say. Individual and corporate prayer may lead us to have operations to bless the church.

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Jesus did not spend time exclusively with the twelve apostles whom He chose. He had many other disciples in v. 17, and eventually 500 in 1 Corinthians 15:6. He accompanied many in order to raise up a few.

If we accompany one or two people, and stop preaching the gospel to and contacting others, we may be disappointed if the ones we are spending time with lose interest. We may even become discouraged and not contact others. However, if we continue to preach the gospel or contact people, the Lord may give us one or two whom we can accompany joyfully.

It is very hard to raise up one. It is always an uphill or even a “losing” battle. For example, we may raise up one, but ten people leave. Even Jesus “lost” one.

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**Jesus is the Son of the living God, but He is our great example mentioned in Phil.2:6-8. He continued in prayer all night to God the Father concerning what was Father's desire. Then He named 12 apostles Who will be His co-workers. At Gethsemane He asked them to pray.**

**Mark 14:32** And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray."

**Mark 14:33** And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled.

**Luke 22:40** And when he came to the place, he said to them, "**Pray** that you may not enter into temptation."

**Luke 22:46** and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Rise and **pray** that you may not enter into temptation."

**In the church life we also need to follow Lord's leading to carry our any service or operation. Praise the Lord that not only we can pray onto Him individually and corporately, but can also have intimate fellowship with saints and the servants of the Lord, so that His leading is clear to us.**

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**Following Father's leading Jesus chose 12 apostles who will be His co-workers on the earth. Surprisingly**

- 1. There was no single high rank people or Bible scholar like Paul;**
- 2. The 12 apostles were named two by two as companions. Companion is different from sect, their difference is that there is no exclusivity in companionship.**
- 3. There was Judas Iscariot; Why? Because many times we are no better than Judas Iscariot, but praise our Lord that in the church life He leads us to repent many times.**
- 4. After the all night pray to the Father He even named Judas Iscariot as one of the apostles. It means that even we often deny the Lord, He is so merciful and gracious, still hopes that we can be His servants.**
- 5. Judas the son of James needed to be the companion of Judas Iscariot. In the church life how do we choose the companions?**

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**Jesus cared many and healed all who went to Him and asked His help. It means that our Lord cares for every one who prays onto Him. However, it was more important for Him to raise up pillars (12 apostles) who would be His co-workers to care for many . In the church life both caring for many and raising up pillars are very challenging (they need sometimes very different operation approaches) because the serving ones have limited time, energy, physical strength, burden, ability. ... Please see Bible homework “Care for many and raise up pillars”**

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## We need companion to serve the Lord

My inspirations:

- I have been chosen by God, one of billions of people chosen by God, and united with many other people also chosen by God.
- A person is chosen by God, needs to avoid being independent and has companions. However, no companion should be chosen by themselves or someone else but by our Lord and His leading.

### **Luke 10:1**

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go.