



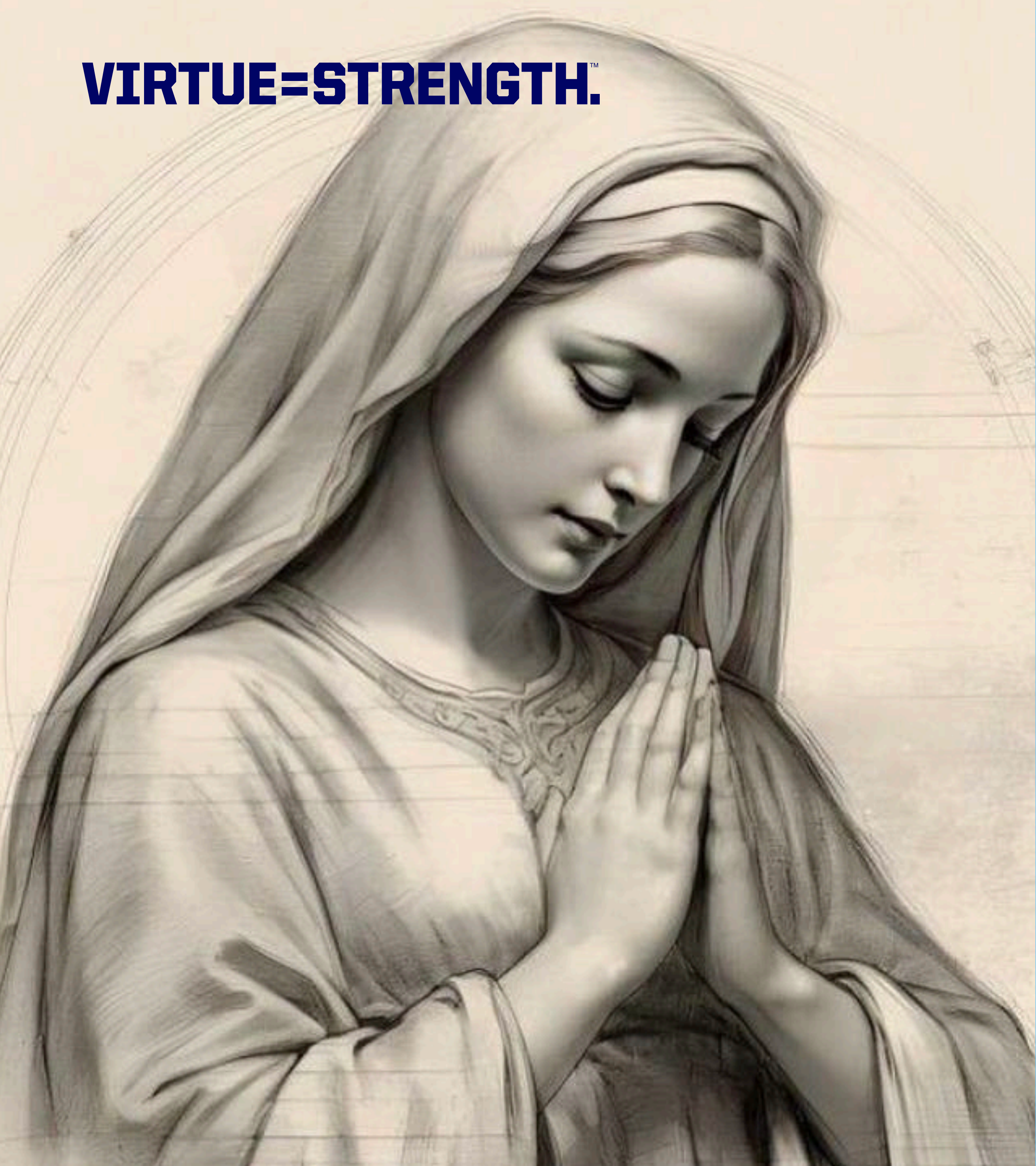
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# CIRCUMSPECTION

“LOOK AROUND AND ASK WHAT IF?”

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## OPENING PRAYER

Grant me, O Lord my God,  
a mind to know you,  
a heart to seek you,  
wisdom to find you,  
conduct pleasing to you,  
faithful perseverance in waiting for you,  
and a hope of finally embracing you.

Amen.

**- St. Thomas Aquinas**

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## DEFINITION

This week our strength building on the virtue of  
PRUDENCE is CIRCUMSPECTION

**The strength to carefully consider all  
circumstances  
and possible consequences.**

If you are circumspect, you think carefully before  
doing or saying anything.

It implies a desire to avoid mistakes and bad  
consequences.

It enables one to look around and see how our  
action may impact others.

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## EXAMPLES OF BEING CIRCUMSPECT

Look both ways before you cross the street.

A common phrase you might hear when building something is, “Measure twice, cut once.”

Double-check your work before you hand it in or click send.

Make sure you pick up all your stuff and throw away your trash so you leave a place better than you found it.

Saying, “Excuse me” after a sneeze, walking in front of someone or any other type of disruption.

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## RESOLUTION

Make good use of your time. Pick one way you can use your time better this week and act on it.

The brevity of life reminds us to be circumspect.  
We all have the same 24 hours in a day.

We can carefully use that time to do good. Seize opportunities. Serve God. And minister to the needs of others.

Or we can waste it with poor planning. Inefficiency. Constantly checking our iPhones. Surfing the internet. Watching TV. Posting foolishness on social media. Or just plain laziness.

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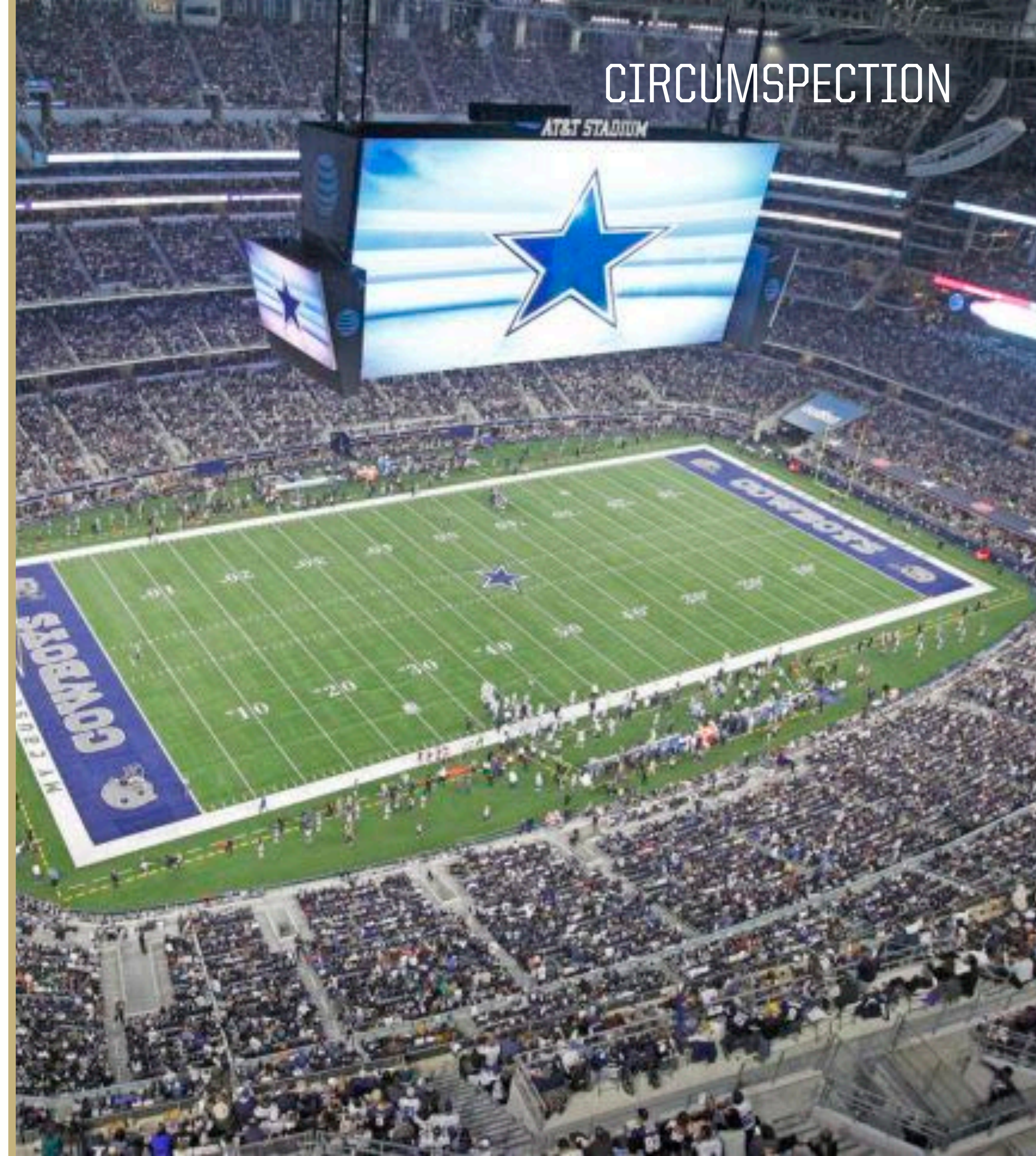
## SMALL GROUP DIFFICULT SITUATION DISCUSSION

What is the definition of circumspection?

*The strength to carefully consider all circumstances  
and possible consequences.*

You get invited to the big game Sunday night. You haven't done any of your homework yet and you know that you will get back late, like after midnight, and you may not have enough time in the morning to finish it well.

What are the steps you should take before making this kind of decision?



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### **MATTHEW 18: 1-7**

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a child, whom he put among them, and said, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were fastened around your neck and you were drowned in the depth of the sea.

Woe to the world because of stumbling blocks! Occasions for stumbling are bound to come, but woe to the one by whom the stumbling block comes!



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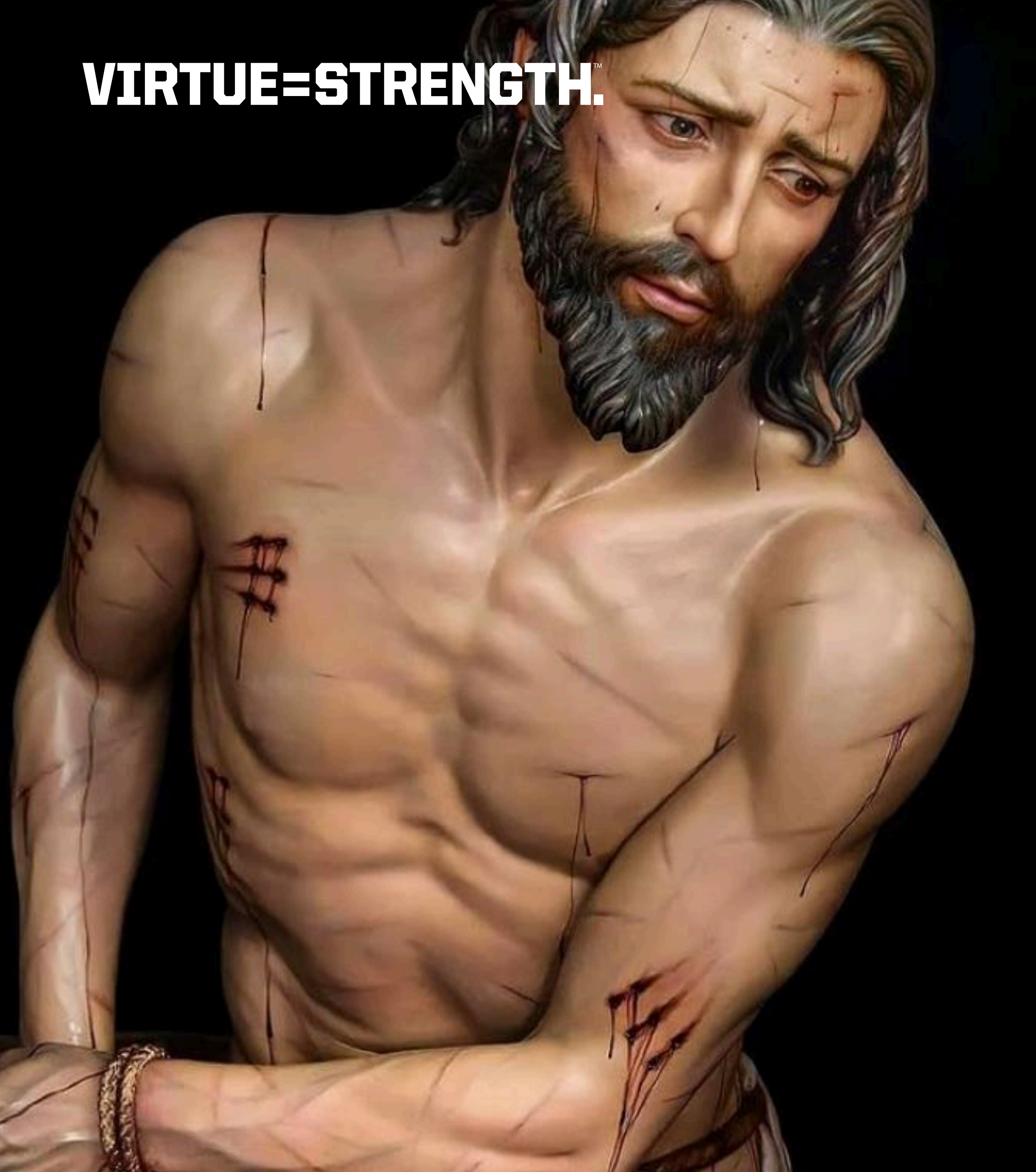
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*“Occupy your minds with good thoughts, or the enemy will fill them with bad ones.*

*Unoccupied they cannot be.”*

*- St. Thomas More*

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***“The name of Jesus is in fact the great foundation of the faith that turns people into children of God.”***

***The Catholic Faith indeed consists in the news of Jesus Christ as light of the soul, gate of life and foundation of eternal salvation.”***

***- St. Bernardine of Siena***



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# CARELESSNESS



The weakness of failing to give sufficient attention to danger, errors or acting correctly.

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## STEPS TO OVERCOME CARELESSNESS

Find out why you made the mistake. Think back to the moment of the mistake to determine the cause.

Look for patterns so you can prioritize issues you need to address.

Get everything you need together before you start on something.

SLOW DOWN. Give yourself enough time so you don't have to rush.

Double-Check your work, your schedule or your lists.

Set reminders or ask others to help you remember.

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## CLOSING PRAYER

O merciful God,  
grant that I may desire ardently,  
search prudently,  
recognize truly,  
and bring to perfect completion  
whatever is pleasing to You  
for the praise and glory of Your name.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.





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