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Ps. 16:8, “I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With Him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.”

The Hebrew word for *keep my eyes* is **shivviti** which means *to place, make room or prioritize*. David was making a willful decision and a bold proclamation here. He was choosing to keep his focus or priority, upon the LORD. We all make thousands of choices every day of our lives. According to science, the average adult makes about 35,000 remotely conscious decisions each day (<http://science.unctv.org>). Now just take a moment to consider this. If a person lives to be 80 years old, that would be 1,022,000,000 (one billion, twenty-two million) decisions. David’s desire was to focus on the LORD continuously. It was a willful decision, made in the heart of David. Samuel addresses this with King Saul in **1 Sam. 13:14**, **“But now your kingdom will not endure; the LORD has sought out a man after His own heart and appointed him ruler of His people, because you have not kept the LORD’s command.”**

Now David was not perfect, and there were times in his life that he failed to keep his eyes and heart upon the LORD. **Rom. 3:23**, **“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”** But, parenthetically, David was seen as one who desired, more than anything, to pursue his LORD above all other things. I love how he says in **Ps. 27:4**, **“One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek Him in His temple.”**

And, in the second part of today’s verse, David proclaims with Him at my right hand, I will not be shaken. In **Ps. 27:5-6** he says: **“For in the day of trouble He will keep me safe in His dwelling; He will hide me in the shelter of His sacred tent and set me high upon a rock. Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at His sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the Lord.”**

Dear LORD, help us to keep our eyes always upon You. Remind us that we are Yours. Nothing will ever be able to shake us with You in our lives. We praise You always, LORD. In Jesus Name, Amen.