

ASTRO ADVICE WEEKLY

A peek ahead: Advice for your week based on your horoscope

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Andrews McMeel Syndication**ARIES (March 21-April 19):**

Think twice before stretching your budget on the 11th, 12th and 13th. Look for cost-efficient alternatives and consider what you can eliminate from your overhead. A change in how you earn or manage your money will encourage you to save more and redefine your lifestyle to suit your needs better. Get your facts and figures straight on the 14th and 15th before you commit to anything that requires an ongoing payment. Look over your subscriptions and cancel what you can do without. Look into grants and other services that can help you manage your expenses. Your emotions will fluctuate on the 16th and 17th when dealing with friends or associates. Listening and considering your options will help you avoid discord.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20):

The time you spend with those you love on the 11th, 12th and 13th will bring you closer together. A home entertainment project that encourages family fun will change how you feel about your lifestyle and downtime. Coordinate family time to avoid losing touch. Busy schedules will require fine-tuning to ensure everyone you love is on the same page about what matters. Review paperwork on the 14th and 15th to ensure your important documents are up to date and free from penalties. Update your image to represent the position you hope to acquire. Look the part and do the work. Avoid situations and places that put your health at risk on the 16th and 17th. Use your time wisely, research, and show discipline and enthusiasm, and opportunities will unfold.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20):

Keep an open mind on the 11th, 12th and 13th, and you'll come across information that can help you advance. Whether you are planning to update your qualifications, knowledge or experience, reaching out to experts will help you connect to the right people and save you time and money reaching your goal. Go with the flow, and you'll make your life easier. Choose your allies carefully on the 14th and 15th. Not everyone will have your best interests at heart. Don't sell yourself short or let anyone take advantage of your skills or generosity. A partnership you develop on the 16th and 17th will give you a chance to focus on what's important to you. Hard work will turn into greater cash flow and stellar connections.

CANCER (June 21-July 22):

Look for affordable entertainment on the 11th, 12th and 13th. Mixing business with pleasure will pay off if you stick to a budget. It's the connections you make that count, not the amount you spend to be part of the event. An intriguing discussion will lead to a potential client or partnership that encourages personal growth and self-improvement. Positive change is heading your way. You'll get mixed messages on the 14th and 15th. When in doubt, ask direct questions to find out where you stand. It's best to cut your losses and move on if a situation appears unstable. You'll gain clarity on the 16th and 17th if you share with someone who is heading down a similar path. Frank discussions will offer insights into new possibilities.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):

More research is necessary on the 11th, 12th and 13th. Run your thoughts by someone you trust to offer solid advice. Don't feel the need to make a move before you are ready. Be observant, and you'll gain insight into a better way to move forward without giving up as much of your time or money. Keep your thoughts to yourself until you have every-

thing in place. A social event on the 14th and 15th will require restraint. Too much of anything will end up costing you. Someone will offer a skewed adaptation of what's possible or how well they are doing. Pay attention to changes that can help or hinder your progress on the 16th and 17th.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):

Reach out on the 11th, 12th and 13th, and the reception you receive will be inspiring. Social and networking events will help you discover interesting alternatives to apply your skills. A change in direction will turn out to be more rewarding than anticipated and result in interesting relationships with people heading in a similar direction. Opportunity is within reach; do your part to turn your desires into something concrete. Be careful not to overspend or to make promises you cannot keep on the 14th and 15th. Emotional matters will escalate if you or someone close to you is manipulative. On the 16th and 17th, take pride in what you do and promote what you have to offer.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):

Weigh the pros and cons before you agree to take on more responsibilities on the 11th, 12th and 13th. An opportunity is likely to be more trouble than it's worth. Keep busy and avoid conversations that leave you feeling guilty or vulnerable. Taking on too much physically or financially will be taxing, and indulgent behavior is likely to hurt your reputation or put you in a compromising position. Keep close tabs on what everyone around you is doing on the 14th and 15th. Someone will mislead you if you are gullible or unable to counter them with facts. Take care of your responsibilities first. On the 16th and 17th, what appears to be an opportunity is questionable.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

Embrace change on the 11th, 12th and 13th, and it will offer a different perspective regarding what you can do to get ahead.

Short trips, lectures and networking will lead to positive change and unique connections that can improve your personal or professional life. Don't sit back when you have so much to gain. Participation will offer an opportunity to present your skills, ideas and experience. Listen carefully on the 14th and 15th. Verify information and question anyone trying to fast-talk you into something that benefits them more than you. Don't spend unnecessarily or pay for someone else's mistake. Communicate on the 16th and 17th and get things done right the first time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):

Lend a helping hand on the 11th, 12th and 13th. Your input will help you recognize where your best interests lie and how to take advantage of an opportunity to bring in more cash by using your skills differently. A problem at home requires attention before it escalates. Forward thinking and acting fast will enhance your reputation and promote greater opportunities. Emotions will surface on the 14th and 15th if you aren't precise regarding what you are willing to contribute. Don't limit yourself or let someone corner you into agreeing to something you don't want to pursue. Go where the money is on the 16th and 17th. A change in your work schedule can lead to an opportunity to advance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):

Discover what's new and exciting in your neighborhood on the 11th, 12th and 13th, and see how you can integrate your skills to raise your income. Attend events that offer a platform to present your ideas and what you can do for others that will make their lives easier. An inventive approach to how you use your skills will pay off. On the 14th and 15th, study the rules and regulations before you make promises. Someone will not be honest with you regarding their motives or what they can or are willing to do for you. On the 16th and 17th,

focus on the ones you love or the things you enjoy doing most, and you will satisfy your soul and feel good about personal pursuits. Romance is in the stars.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):

Keep your thoughts and plans to yourself on the 11th, 12th and 13th. You'll stand a better chance of getting things done if you can avoid outside interference. Work quietly toward your goal and distance yourself from demanding people and situations. Use your time, energy and skills to get ahead. Handle responsibilities promptly on the 14th and 15th. Don't give anyone a chance to complain or criticize you. You'll be judged by what you complete, not what you say you can do. Be true to yourself and your word. Scan the want ads and job prospects in your community on the 16th and 17th, and you'll discover an opportunity that interests you. A change will be uplifting, and a short trip or a bit of research into the possibilities will pay off.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):

You are sitting in a better position than you realize on the 11th, 12th and 13th. Reach out, start a conversation and negotiate on your behalf. Your timing is good, and a chance to up your game or make a move will help you gain the confidence to pursue your dreams. The connections you make will lead to greater opportunities. Love and romance are in the stars. Confusion will set in on the 14th and 15th if you let someone interfere with your plans. Don't miss an opportunity because someone is playing emotional mind games with you. Take the path that satisfies your soul. On the 16th and 17th, participation will lead to clarity. The people you encounter will provide insight into the possibilities. A change will do you good.

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BOOK REVIEW

Uniting project management and faith for purposeful leadership

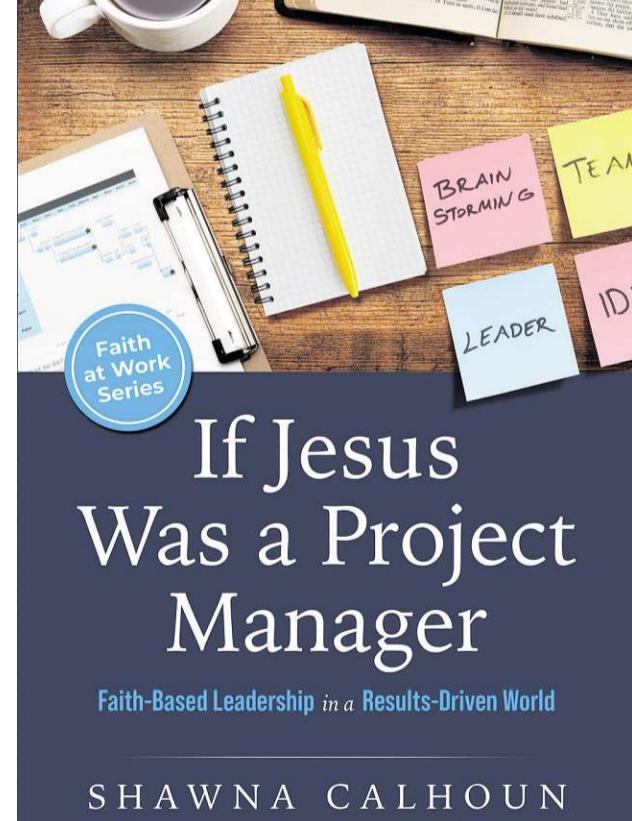
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In this groundbreaking book – the first in Shawna Calhoun's seven-part "Faith at Work" series – the author bridges two worlds that rarely meet: timeless spiritual principles and the demands of contemporary project management.

Unlike generic business devotionals, "If Jesus Was a Project Manager" zeroes in on the specific responsibilities of a project manager, illustrating exactly how Christ's teachings can inform daily tasks, from planning sprints to leading teams. The approach is refreshingly role-specific; Calhoun doesn't settle for broad platitudes.

Instead, she masterfully connects Scripture with established secular frameworks – Stephen Covey's "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People" is one notable example – to create practical tools that work in any organizational culture. The result is a comprehensive integration of faith and methodology, a sort of blueprint for excelling at work without compromising one's Christian values.

One of the book's greatest strengths is how concretely it translates biblical principles into professional best practices. Calhoun frames Jesus' model of leadership in terms familiar to anyone who's managed a project: vision casting, stakeholder communication, conflict resolution and even risk management all get a faith-based treatment grounded in scripture. Each chapter blends timeless truths with



Faith-Based Leadership in a Results-Driven World

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real-world application. For instance, when examining why projects fail, Calhoun invokes the biblical story of the Tower of Babel as a cautionary case study.

The lesson? Projects built on pride or selfish ambition are destined to falter, whereas those founded on service and stewardship thrive. She identifies warning signs of "pride-driven projects," such as leaders chasing personal glory or trying to control every outcome without humility. It's a powerful example of how the author draws direct parallels between ancient wisdom and contemporary workplace pitfalls. These scriptural case studies

never feel forced; instead, they shed new light on everyday management challenges. Whether discussing how Moses delegated tasks or how Jesus empowered His disciples, Calhoun finds remarkably relevant insights for today's managers.

But this book isn't just about philosophical parallels – it's packed with concrete, actionable advice. Calhoun goes beyond inspiration to provide detailed frameworks and habits that readers can implement immediately. From checklists for ethical decision-making to step-by-step approaches for handling underperforming team members with grace, the

guidance is highly practical. In one chapter, she presents a "Restoration Framework" for addressing team failures in four measured steps (from private conversation to guided improvement plans), echoing Jesus' own teachings on correction and forgiveness. In another, she outlines how to integrate prayerful reflection into risk assessment meetings – without alienating secular colleagues or sacrificing professional credibility.

Calhoun is careful to maintain that credibility throughout the book. Her tone is never preachy or naive. Instead, she acknowledges the pressures of a results-driven environment and shows how faith can be a source of strength and ethical clarity, enhancing rather than hindering performance.

Even crisis leadership scenarios are addressed head-on: layoffs, conflicts, even entrepreneurship pivots. Calhoun incorporates these tough situations into her discussion, demonstrating how a Christ-inspired leader can navigate upheaval with integrity and compassion.

By the final chapters, it's clear this isn't just a feel-good manifesto – it's a working playbook for melding spiritual values with professional excellence.

Calhoun writes with the confident clarity of a seasoned project manager and the warmth of a mentor who genuinely wants to see you succeed. Her background in healthcare and technology project management (over 20 years of experience across multiple industries) shines through in the book's logical structure and real-life examples. The material is organized into four

parts mirroring a project's lifecycle: laying the foundation of faith-based leadership, planning projects with divine guidance, leading through the inevitable storms, and finishing strong with integrity and purpose. This intuitive progression makes the 354-page guide easy to follow and ensures no aspect of the project manager role is left untouched.

Despite the rich depth of content, the prose remains accessible. Calhoun has a talent for "connecting the dots" – she interweaves Bible verses, personal anecdotes and corporate anecdotes in a way that feels seamless and illuminating.

One moment she might reference Daniel facing the lions' den as an analogy for trusting God amidst project risks, and the next she's drawing on her own experience dealing with a high-stakes healthcare project.

The tone stays professional yet conversational, often addressing the reader directly. For example, Calhoun poses reflective questions ("What fears or needs might be driving your stakeholder's resistance?") that prompt the reader to apply the lessons to their own situation – making the reading experience interactive and engaging rather than a one-way lecture.

The writing style manages to be both instructive and inspiring. Complex concepts are distilled into memorable principles, sometimes even alliterative phrases or acronyms that you'll easily recall in the heat of the moment at work. Yet, the book avoids buzzword bingo or hollow corporate-speak. Instead, Calhoun's advice is grounded in virtues like humility, patience and service – qualities she argues are as critical to project success as any Gantt chart or status report.

Importantly, she doesn't shy away from acknowledging challenges. She emphasizes with read-

ers who operate in secular workplaces, noting that openly living out faith at work can be sensitive. Her guidance on this is thoughtful: She encourages demonstrating Christ-like leadership primarily through actions – integrity, excellence, genuine care – rather than through overt religious rhetoric, unless the culture welcomes it.

This balanced approach helps the book feel relevant to a broad range of professional environments. Whether you're at a Fortune 500 company or a nonprofit, Calhoun's voice comes across as that of a wise colleague who has been through the trenches and emerged with hard-won wisdom.

"If Jesus Was a Project Manager" is an uplifting and informative read for any professional looking to integrate faith with their leadership style. Readers who have enjoyed mainstream leadership classics but felt something was missing will find that missing piece here. If you're a fan of books like Covey's "7 Habits" or John Maxwell's leadership guides, you'll appreciate how "If Jesus Was a Project Manager" builds on similar principles while infusing them with deeper spiritual significance. It's also ideal for church leaders, ministry organizers or educators in Christian business programs who want to draw connections between biblical leadership and organizational success.

Ultimately, "If Jesus Was a Project Manager" will resonate most with those who believe that work can be a calling and that business excellence and biblical values are not mutually exclusive. For such readers, this guide will not only affirm that belief – it will equip them with the tools to live it out, producing results that matter in both the boardroom and the Kingdom.