

FAITH & LEADERSHIP

IF I'M PAYING, I'M PRAYING

A simple business lunch ritual that turns a bill into a blessing

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THE QUESTION

"Am I paying?"

BUSINESS LUNCH

Great conversation	priceless
A listening ear	priceless
Genuine connection	priceless

The check	\$47.00
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THE BLESSING	no charge
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TOTAL: A CHANCE TO BE LIGHT

THE ANSWER

"Then I'm praying."

A small habit, repeated in hundreds of meetings, over a career — that's a light no one can ignore.

"If I'm paying, I'm praying." — Dr. Mark Lewandowski

Boaz Strategic helps leaders turn ordinary moments into opportunities to be light.

Is the check a bill, or *a chance to be light*?

“*If I'm paying, I'm praying.*
— Dr. Mark Lewandowski

Dr. Mark Lewandowski, former Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs at Oral Roberts University and successful entrepreneur, has a rule.

He already knows what he's doing with the bill.

At a business lunch, he'll ask the table: "Am I paying?" If the answer is yes, so is the next part — a quiet, genuine prayer of blessing over the meal, the people, the conversation.

It's a small moment. No one is required to bow their head or agree with the theology. It's simply a chance to be light.

Faith in the marketplace doesn't need a stage or a sermon. It needs leaders willing to let an ordinary business ritual — picking up a check — carry something more.

The practice works because it's tied to something that already happens constantly: someone always ends up paying for lunch.

Repeated across a career, one small habit becomes a consistent, unmistakable pattern.

At Boaz Strategic, we help leaders find these small, repeatable moments to live out their faith.