

I. The Necessity of Choice

- A. The central question in this story is this:
 - "How long will you falter between two opinions?
- B. To put it right down where you and I live.

II. Reasons We Avoid Choosing

- A. The false comfort of good intentions.
- B. Meaning to do something and intending to do something is far different from doing something.
- C. I heard a story about a young man and his card.

D. In Italy there's a great cathedral

The right of the door,

"All that pleases us is only for a moment."

On the left side of the door,

"All that troubles us is only for a moment."

Over the top of the door,

"Nothing is important but that which is eternal."

E. The people of Israel were caught between their faithfulness to God and the powers of state

- They should worship God and God alone.
- Rulers come and go.

F. How does one become a saint?

- It is acting upon the conviction.
- Elijah addressed the people,
- "How long are you going to waver between two opinions?"

III. We Must Choose

- A. So we come to the crux of the matter.
 - "No one, can serve two masters."
- B. A Christian writer described what he saw on Wall Street

IV. Choose How You Will Serve

A. When you think about your life;

- How are you spending your time, your talent, and your treasure?
- Does Christ have any claim on your time, your talents?

Peter Marshall: "The measure of life, after all, is not its duration but its donation."

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