

Choosing the Good Part

Luke 10:38-42

Introduction:

- A. God has blessed us with the power to choose – it is up to us to use it wisely.
 - 1. Adam in the garden. (Gen. 2:15-17).
 - 2. Israel (Deut. 30:19)
 - 3. Joshua's charge to Israel (Josh. 24:15)
- B. Jesus said that Mary had "chosen that good part."
 - 1. We do not always choose the good part – pay for it.
 - 2. Some choices, good or bad, only have minimal consequences – others major consequences.
- C. We want to discuss some major choices in life where one unmistakably chooses the good part.

Discussion:

I. When One Chooses to Come to the Lord.

- A. Either as alien or backslider (Matt. 11:28-30; Rev. 22:17)
 - 1. Alien comes like those on Pentecost (Acts 2:36-41)
 - 2. Backslider comes like Simon (Acts 8:13-22)
- B. Because there is so much to gain
 - 1. Forgiveness
 - 2. Better life now and eternal life later (Mark 10:29-30; John 6:67-68)
- C. Because without Christ there is so much to lose (Eph. 2:1-3, 12)

II. When One Chooses to Attend All Church Services.

- A. Not merely because it commanded (Heb. 10:25)
- B. But because of the benefits it brings (Heb. 10:24)
 - 1. Regular contact with brethren.
 - 2. Opportunities to learn and be edified (cf. Col. 3:16; 1 Cor. 14:26)
 - 3. Demonstrate your faith to neighbors ("Every time doors open")

III. When One Chooses to Be a Christian 24/7.

- A. Take up cross daily (Lk. 9:23)
- B. Pray daily (Matt. 6:11)
- C. Study daily (Acts 17:11)
- D. Don't leave Christ at the meeting house
 - 1. He must dwell in our hearts (Eph. 3:17; Col. 3:16)
 - 2. We must put on the "new man" (Eph. 4:24-32)

IV. When One Chooses Good Family Values.

- A. Husbands and wives who choose to:
 - 1. Love each other (Eph. 5:25, 28, 33; Tit 2:4)
 - 2. Fulfill their God-given roles (Eph. 5:23, 33; Tit. 2:5)
- B. Parents who choose to:
 - 1. Teach their children about the Lord (Deut. 6:6,7)
 - 2. Train and discipline their children (Eph. 6:4; Heb. 12:7-8)
 - 3. Love their children (Tit. 2:4; Prov. 13:24)
- C. Children who choose to honor and obey parents (Eph. 6:1-3)

Conclusion

- A. You have a choice – to obey or not to obey.
- B. You will have to live with the consequences of your choice.
- C. Why not choose the good part?