

In most cases it does not matter really where you serve the Lord. What matters is how you serve him. What you do where you are. It is easy to make sudden decisions on important matters. Decisions that seem to be sudden sometimes are the result of long deliberation and consideration, and then we quickly reach a point of decision. But ordinarily don't jump to decision. Think matters through.

Number eight. Don't expect necessarily to see far ahead. I mention the matter of a water drop falling over the different divides. Some are unimportant, some are very important. We cannot see what is beyond. Sometimes it is as if we go into a room. Then we decide, Shall I go in this room or this room? From each room there are doors entering other rooms. There are decisions ahead that we can't see, but God can see, and we cannot expect to see necessarily the ultimate results of our decisions. God wants us to make the best decisions we can in the light of the information that we have.

I'd better go faster on the remaining points. Number nine. Don't waste time on unimportant decisions. I've known of people who have been so disturbed because of fear they will make the wrong decision that they don't make any decision.. God wants us to think things through carefully but then he wants us to act. If we do not have evidence upon which to make a rational decision, often it is necessary to just make a decision and go ahead. Don't waste time on unimportant decisions.

However, number ten, trust God to lead because you don't know which are the important decisions and which are unimportant. You go into a restaurant and you come to the desert. Shall I get apple pie or pumpkin pie? Which is the Lord's will? Which one should I get? Ordinarily it doesn't matter. Ordinarily you can eat the apple pie, you can eat the pumpkin pie-- either one. But there is an occasional time when one of those contains poison, when one of those contains material that is corrupted. There is a time when your whole life could hang on the decision of whether you get apple pie or pumpkin pie!

There can be what seem to be unimportant decisions that can be far more important than the decisions we spend time worrying over. We must trust God to lead us. You see the great work in Afghanistan. You feel that you have the abilities that could accomplish something there. It may be you could go there and spend a lifetime and do a tremendous work. It may be that two years from now that before you had well learned the language the communists would take over and there would be absolutely no opportunity for Christian work there by the time you know how to give a good witness there. God knows the future. You don't and so whatever decisions we make we must trust God so that as we do the best thing we can, that God knows the future and He will work out His perfect will.

Number eleven. After making a decision, step out in faith. James 1:5-6 is very apropos here. "If any of you lacks wisdom let