

You have distances that separate you by miles as a result of this decision. It is well to get all the facts you can and think them through. Very often you can think of an alternative decision that includes the benefits of both. It is very important to learn to gather sufficient material on every decision we make and also sufficient material on possible alternatives of it. Of all things it is vitally important that we put God first.

You cannot consecrate yourselves to God once for all. You must continue day by day, moment by moment to put Him first. Because Satan is ready to drag you away. He is anxious to. He comes like a roaring lion to destroy you, but if he cannot do that he comes as an angel of light and deceives you.

As we make decisions and everyone of us has to make them, let us learn to think first, Am I putting God first in this? Am I truly seeking His will, rather than what I feel like, what seems to me like what I'd enjoy? Am I truly putting Him first? Then have you got all the facts you can get about the matter? Because very often with a little effort you can get many more facts that later on you may tremendously wish you might have. Be sure you have looked at alternatives because so often there is an alternative right at hand that we overlook.

In this case Eve made the wrong choice and all of us have suffered. She made the wrong choice and misery came upon all of us. It was necessary that God send his own Son to die on Calvary's cross; to give Himself that those who believe on Him might be saved. Let us pray

We thank you for Jesus Christ and how he delivered us from the power of Satan. We pray you would help us to put him first in everything; to look for his honor, his purpose, and his accomplishment and to still the voices within us that speak so loudly of what appeals to us instead of what is His desire. Help us put him first and then where the particular matter of God's honor is not the major thing, or where two decisions which as far as we can see are equally honoring to God, help us to get the facts, get all the facts, to study the facts, to think them through, to think through alternatives, and then to look to God to lead us aright. We ask it in Jesus' Name. Amen.