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)
   B. Because there is so much to gain
      1. Forgiveness.
   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. Fulfil 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?