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"Holding forth the Word of Life" (Phil. 2:16).

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Indecision

"But in the end I argued myself into solid indecision." – Bernard Malamud, *Rembrandt's Hat*, "Man in the Drawer."

"Through indecision opportunity is often lost." – Publilius Syrus, *Sententioe*, No. 185

"Somewhere along the line of development we discover what we really are, and then we make our real decision for which we are responsible. Make that decision primarily for yourself because you can never really live anyone else's life." -- *Eleanor Roosevelt*

"There is no more miserable person than the one in whom nothing is habitual but indecision." - William James

Having trouble making a decision? Well, you are not alone. On the Virtual Salt website, they even have a page which is an Introduction to Decision Making. Money Watch reports that on the Wall Street Journal Website, the most popular article is entitled, "Why So Many People Can't Make Decisions." Money Watch speaks of the problem in a humorous style: "Some people meet, fall in love and get married right away. Others can spend hours in the sock aisle at the department store, weighing the pros and cons of buying a pair of wool argyles instead of cotton striped."

One has to wonder how many people will spend an eternity apart from God all because of indecision; or is it really indecision? Harvey Cox once said, "Not to decide is to decide." That suggests that if one fails to answer the invitation of our Lord, they have already decided to not accept it.

How often do preachers stand at the front of an assembly on a Sunday and offer an invitation to become a Christian? And there are those who assemble, some for the first time, some perhaps for the past year, and some for numerous years. Despite how kind and loving the plan of salvation is offered, they choose not to accept it. We scratch our proverbial heads trying to figure out what more we could have said? Did we not do it lovingly enough? Do they not see the urgency?

Indecision is troublesome in our society in general, but it is a whole lot worse when it comes to matters of the soul and eternity. Jesus said, "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Matt. 16:26).

The indecisiveness of folks is something we have to deal with and will continue to deal with for the rest of our lives. We need to help folks through it and not ourselves become a victim to it.