



Psalm 37:5-7

Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act. He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday. Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices

It is hard sometimes, very hard, to know what to do. Presented with choices, pleasant or painful, you may drag your feet, try to buy a little extra time, but you can put off the inevitable for only so long. Sooner or later, you have to make a choice. What will it be? What will be the outcome, if you choose wrongly? Will you later regret your choice or will you, after some time, realize that another choice may have been more beneficial to you, your family or your cause? You pray; you ponder; you seek the advice of friends and/or experts; you look for some sign from God, but in the end the choice as to what to do is yours.

Some of us, having finally decided, begin almost immediately to second-guess ourselves. The doubts after the fact can sometimes be as anxiety-producing as those that preceded the choice. There are times when it is obvious from the very beginning that you made the best choice. It *feels* right; everything falls into place; and there is within you a deep sense of gratitude. There are other times, though, sometimes from the very beginning, when you realize that you have made the wrong choice, and, what is worse, you know that there is no going back. What then? The answer, I think, is the same as in all circumstances. Right choice, wrong choice, second-best choice: "Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act." God will lead you; God will sustain and encourage you; and God will be at work even in the most disappointing of times to accomplish his good purpose for you and through you. Give it into his care. Secondly, "Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him." Whatever your circumstances may be, your life and your future are still in his hands. It's difficult sometimes to be still and to wait, but it is well worth the effort. Remember, God's time is not always our time, but whatever our times may be, the hymn reminds us: "My times are in Thy hand, whatever they may be: pleasing or painful, dark or bright, as best may seem to Thee."