

TITLE: MY LIFE DECISIONS

Homily: The sixth Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY16
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INTRODUCTION

“Before man, // - are life and death, // good and evil, // --
whichever he chooses, // - shall be given him.” // This is a
quotation from today’s first reading, // from the Old Testament
called // The Book of Sirach .

BACKGROUND

Sirach, // makes it very clear to me, today // that what faces me
in my life is a choice. –Sometimes, // I will make good choices , //
and sometimes I will opt for unwise decisions // – or ones, //
that are not clearly, // thought through by me. //

What is of paramount importance for me, // is, // to
understand that my Father // , God, has given me the interior
freedom, // to choose, // having been aware what the Lord
deems best for me meaning, // -- the commandments as
invitations , // by God to me throughout, // - my life, // to live, //
my full life, // in him.

Jesus wants to ramp up // within me, // what is at stake my
principal, // vices and virtues, // -- whether they be the conflicts
within me , // - such as, // my envy, // -- divorce, // or, // -- // solemn
commitments by me. //

QUESTION://

Do I just want to get by, // to allow God, // my Father, --
// remake me, // into virtue ?—Perhaps, // the bottom line is
going to be , // one that is single – minded in my pursuit of the
Holy One, // in my life.

The important choices in my life I make, // should never be
easy; they involve my prayer, // and my discernment.

To undergo such self – scrutiny, // and place myself in
God’s providence // understands // what Paul tells us today in
the second reading to the Corinthians, - // namely that: // “The
Spirit scrutinizes everything, Paul says, even the depths of God,
in my life. //

When his word is deeply heard inside me, // the challenge
to me // Jesus puts on my table cannot but confront my
innermost struggles with my God, // my neighbor // and within
myself .

The choice is always mine.

AMEN.

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