

THE OBEDIANCE OF FAITH

THE BLESSINGS OF THE GOSPEL

Jesus and all the gifts of His Holy Spirit.

THE ULTIMATE CHOICE

Our choice clearly tells others what gives us a sense of purpose.

COST/BENEFIT ANALYSIS

The Kingdom of heaven and the choice to follow Jesus, costs everything
But it is a much better risk value.

Catechism Theme: The Freedom of Faith (CCC 160-165)

Even in risk, we make the faith choice in the freedom God gave us. God based his relationship with us on love. Since love cannot be coerced, neither can faith. Because we are free, we can believe in a God who loves us.

Once we choose faith, however, we cannot turn our backs on the One we trust or the truth he reveals. The faith choice cannot be made in a haphazard manner. Indeed, the faith choice must be fed with God's Word in Scripture and the wisdom of the Church, in prayer, and in works of charity. For without a well-nourished faith, we slip away from God.

Evangelization as judgment has a flip side. When we say "yes" to God, we walk closer to him. We trust in him. In turn, he nourishes us with his very life. In this sense, faith begins our journey to eternal life. The life of faith we live invites others to join us on that journey.

THE OBEDIANCE OF FAITH (cont.)

Solomon pleased God by asking for understanding of his people and right from wrong. But Solomon had a strong heart for wealth and power. His heart was divided and he succumbed to the pressure of a divided heart. He might have pleased God in the beginning but he ended

1Kings 11:

Solomon did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, and he did not follow the LORD unreservedly as David his father had done.

Solomon then built high places for his foreign wives to burn incense and sacrifice to their gods.

I THINK THAT IF WE WANT TO ASK GOD FOR GIFTS, IT WOULD BE WISE TO ASK FOR AN INCREASE IN FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE.

When we pray the Rosary we begin by praying for the intentions of the Pope and then we pray for an increase in faith, hope and love.