**Freedom of Choice**

**A young man was going house to house one summer selling books. He was lame and had much trouble walking. At one house where he stopped, the lady rudely turned him away. When he was leaving she saw he was lame and called him back. “I didn't know you were lame,” she said, “I will buy a book.” He wasn't selling sympathy, he was selling books, and he let her know it. She asked him if being lame colored his life. He made a remarkable reply: “Yes, but thank God I can choose the color.” *(Pastor Richard Gray)***

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**We have to believe in free will; we’ve got no choice. *(Isaac Bashevis Singer)***

**Freedom of choice must also include the freedom to refuse to choose.
*(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**A student asked the teacher why North America has thrived and South America seems to have so many problems. The wise teacher said that she attributed it to the fact that it was settlers who came to North America and they were looking for freedom to worship God. In South America, the explorers were looking for gold and slaves. It is the difference between generosity and greed. *(Anthony DeMello)***

**There is never a better measure of what a person is than what he does when he's absolutely free to choose. *(William M. Bulger)***

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