

University that came out last year, remarked in one place that if you get a group of professors together to discuss a thing thoroughly, they have to spend the next year and a half deciding what they should do next Thursday. There is the thought(?) that goes into things very very fully and carefully is wonderful in the academic sphere, and we must have it, but we must also must deal with things in the practical way and often choose what appears to be the best alternative and move on. We have to get the balance between these so many different matters.

One thing that bothers people a great deal often is the question of the sovereignty of God, and you cannot emphasize so much the sovereignty of God. God is sovereign. God controls all things. God has created everything. He has determined what is going to be. You cannot overemphasize the sovereignty of God. But you can in emphasizing the sovereignty of God fail to emphasize the equally important truth of human responsibility. We have choices to make and they are real choices. I've heard people talk and they gave the impression that all life was like a moving picture which has been made in advance and you look at it and you see the people come in and their faces filled with fear and they begin to fight and do things and they get all excited, and it's all laid out what's going to happen. There is no reason to get worried because the next step is right in there, it's just implanted in there, and there is absolutely no choice at all in it. Life is not like that. Our choices are real. The ~~Lord~~ Lord has given us the responsibility for what we do with our lives-. Our choices are real. Human responsibility is a very real. If we emphasize only human responsibility we fail to get the <sup>great</sup> ~~that~~ blessing from recognizing the sovereignty of God. If we emphasize only the sovereignty of God, we fail to see our tremendous responsibility and the importance of our thinking ~~these~~ things through and making our decisions in the light of God's Word. Things are (unclear) . . . and you/get <sup>can't</sup> a mid point between them. There is no such thing. You stress both sides of the balance.

A figure occurred to me some years ago about this matter of balance that seemed to me to be rather effective. It's a bit out of date today because we all get our water now by just turning on the spigot. But when I was a ~~boy~~ boy we had a well. And while we had a means of piping water in, there were many times when it was desirable to go out and to