

# If a Christian Could Have His Choice

by Thomas Brooks

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*The ideal Christian is one who strives for perfection, driven by the beauty and excellency of God and Christ.*

**Scripture:** Matthew 5:48, Philippians 4:11, Colossians 3:23, 1 Peter 1:16

**Topics:** "Spiritual Excellence", "Pursuit of Holiness"

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## Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes that a true Christian, if given the choice, would aspire to embody the highest virtues such as humility, holiness, and patience, striving to reflect God's perfection in their life. He highlights the desire for a deep, active faith that seeks to fulfill God's will with joy and diligence, mirroring the angels in heaven. The Christian's pursuit of grace and perfection is driven by a profound appreciation for the beauty of God and Christ, leading to a relentless quest for spiritual excellence.

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## Transcript

If a Christian could have his choice, he would be . . .

the most humble,

the most holy,

the most heavenly,

the most mortified,

the most patient,

the most contented,

the most thankful,

the most fruitful,

the most active,

the most zealous, and

the most self-denying Christian in the world.

If he could have his choice, he would be as holy as God is holy; and as perfect as his heavenly Father is perfect; he would do the will of God on earth, as the angels do it now in heaven, namely--freely, readily, cheerfully, delightfully, universally, reverentially, and unweariedly, etc.

If he could have his choice, he would exercise every grace, and perform every duty, with all his might.

He sees so much excellency and beauty in God and Christ, that he cannot be at rest until he is swallowed up in the enjoyment of them. He sees so much excellency in grace, that nothing but perfection of grace will satisfy him. He makes perfection not only his utmost end--but he also labors after perfection with his utmost strength and endeavors.

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