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Fox and Hedgehog (#12, January 6, 2022)

You might know the story of Fox and Hedgehog. One day they fought each other, and in the end Hedgehog won the game. Why? Fox know many things, but Hedgehog know only one big thing, so it concentrated every energy on to there, One Thing. Actually I read this story in the essay book, *The Hedgehog and the Fox: An Essay on Tolstoy's view of History* which is written by philosopher Isaiah Berlin (published in 1953).

According to his findings there are two kinds of people in the world: One is hedgehog style, e.g., try to do only one major thing in their life, another one looks like foxes, they know many things. So they try to do many things in their life, and in the end their life become mediocre. Of course this is my personal paraphrasing, but I am sure it makes a sense for us today.

Once I read this essay and talk about this at seminars, it reminds me of Dr. Melvin always. He chose one thing, Lay Pastors Ministry, so focused on there all of his energy and committed to getting it done. Finally he made it. He was only person to make this ministry in the United States of America and now into the all of the world. He selected one thing, focused on there, put every energy into there, so must be successful.

Yes, there are so many temptations to distract our attentions. What do we do, and it totally depends on our choice, our determination. Do you want to make many things but to be mediocre in the end? or success to one thing in your life, e.g., you are only one person in that area in the world. It's up to you.

We'd better to talk more on the Fundamental Choice. I think it is same important to the Primary Choice. This was called just Third Choice, but it is not meant to third important, just Fritz wrote for calling to write.

Anyway, Fritz mentioned it is "the States of Being." You know what is that mean! Let's borrow Dr. Melvin's approach in this way. He said at PACE Training Manual, "we need to be trained in two: Doing & Being. He said more, "Being precedes than Doing."

I can say here that Doing is important but without being a good person, our doing is not making it or less effective as you know. First Two Choices are on

Doing, e.g., Primary and Second Choice. Yes we can choices a lot, but need to understand we need to be a good person. I mean "Being." For instance, honesty, integrity, emphatic listener, so on. There are many resources to preparing us to be a "Being."

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