

Steve St. Pierre's One Minute Confidence ("C") Tip

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*The Traveler's Gift: Seven Decisions that Determine Personal Success - The Third Decision (part 1)*ⁱ

After learning about wisdom from King Solomon, David Ponder finds himself in dangerous territory – right in the crossfire of the Civil War. His next mentor is Colonel Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain of the Twentieth Maine. The moment David lands, the Colonel is deep into battle against Lee's army of Northern Virginia in Gettysburg, PA.

Chamberlain tells David that he left teaching and joined the army because "it was the right thing to do." Now, Chamberlain's men face almost certain defeat. They are outnumbered, but Chamberlain instructs his men to hold their ground. If they pulled out, it meant the Union would lose the entire war. Just when his men are losing faith and waiting for guidance, Chamberlain instructs them to fix the bayonets for an "all-out charge." In Chamberlain's mind, he thinks, "*We can't retreat...We can't stay here. When I am faced with the choice of doing nothing or doing something, I will always choose to act.*" As the men charge, the Confederate army nearly stops in its tracks, and Chamberlain captures a Rebel officer. The battle is over.

From his old tobacco pouch, decorated to almost a regal degree, Chamberlain gives David a folded piece of paper with the third decision: *I am a person of action.*

Next week: We discuss the third decision of success: *I am a person of action.*

Quote:

"I am only a stubborn man, Ponder. That is my greatest advantage in this fight. I have deep within me the inability to do nothing. I may die today, but...I will *not* die in retreat."
– Col. Joshua Chamberlain, *The Traveler's Gift*

Confidently yours,

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