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Quote #32 Charles Swindoll

"The longer I live, the more I realize **the impact of attitude on life**. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company...a church....a home. The remarkable thing is **we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day**. We cannot change our past...we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude...I am convinced that **life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it**. And so it is with you...we are in charge of our attitudes."



Charles Rozell Swindoll was born on October 1934, in El Campo in Wharton County, **Texas**. He attended Charles H. Milby High School in Houston and credits his drama teacher for helping him overcome **severe stuttering**. After graduating from high school, he studied mechanical engineering while working for Reed Roller Bit Company in Houston, Texas. He then fulfilled his military service obligation with the United States Marine Corps, first in San Francisco, then in Okinawa. After his honorable discharge in 1959, he attended **Dallas Theological Seminary**, where he graduated magna cum laude four years later. Swindoll was ordained into the **ministry** in 1963 and served in Dallas, under J. Dwight Pentecost, for two years. He has since held senior pastorates in Waltham, Massachusetts (1965–67), Irving, Texas (1967–71), and Fullerton, California (1971–94). He started his current senior pastorate in Frisco, Texas in 1998. In July 1994, Swindoll became the **president of the Dallas Theological Seminary** and now serves as its chancellor. He is the author of more than 70 books, most of which are based on his research and preparation for sermons preached each Sunday. In celebration of its 50th anniversary, *Christianity Today* produced an article naming Swindoll as **one of the top 25 most influential preachers of the past 50 years** (1956–2006).

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