

# Dr. Chalmers' Story

by D.L. Moody

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*The sermon emphasizes the importance of immediate action and conviction in making a decision for Christ, using the story of Dr. Chalmers and a young girl as an example.*

**Scripture:** Matthew 19:14, John 6:37, 2 Corinthians 6:2, Hebrews 3:15, James 4:14

**Topics:** "Faith in Action", "Urgency of Salvation"

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## Description

D.L. Moody shares the story of Dr. Chalmers, who encountered a mother distressed over her inability to lead her child to Christ. When the doctor spoke with the child alone, he suggested postponing the conversation about faith, but the girl realized the urgency of the matter and felt it was unsafe to delay. This moment of honesty led them both to kneel in prayer and ultimately find Christ together, emphasizing the importance of immediate action in matters of faith.

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## Transcript

There is a story of Dr. Chalmers. A lady came to him, and said, "Doctor, I cannot bring my child to Christ. I've talked, and talked, but it's of no use." The doctor thought she had not much skill, and said, "Now, you be quiet, and I will talk to her alone." When the doctor got the Scotch lassie alone he said to her, "They are bothering you a good deal about this question; now, suppose I just tell your mother you don't want to be talked to any more upon this subject for a year. How will that do?" Well, the Scotch lassie hesitated a little, and then said she didn't think it would be safe to wait for a year.

Something might turn up.

She might die before then. "Well, that's so," replied the doctor, "but suppose we say six months." She didn't think even this would be safe. "That's so," was the doctor's reply; "well, let us say three months." After a little hesitation, the girl finally said, "I don't think it would be safe to put it off for three months; don't think it would be safe to put it off at all," and they went down on their knees and found Christ.

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