

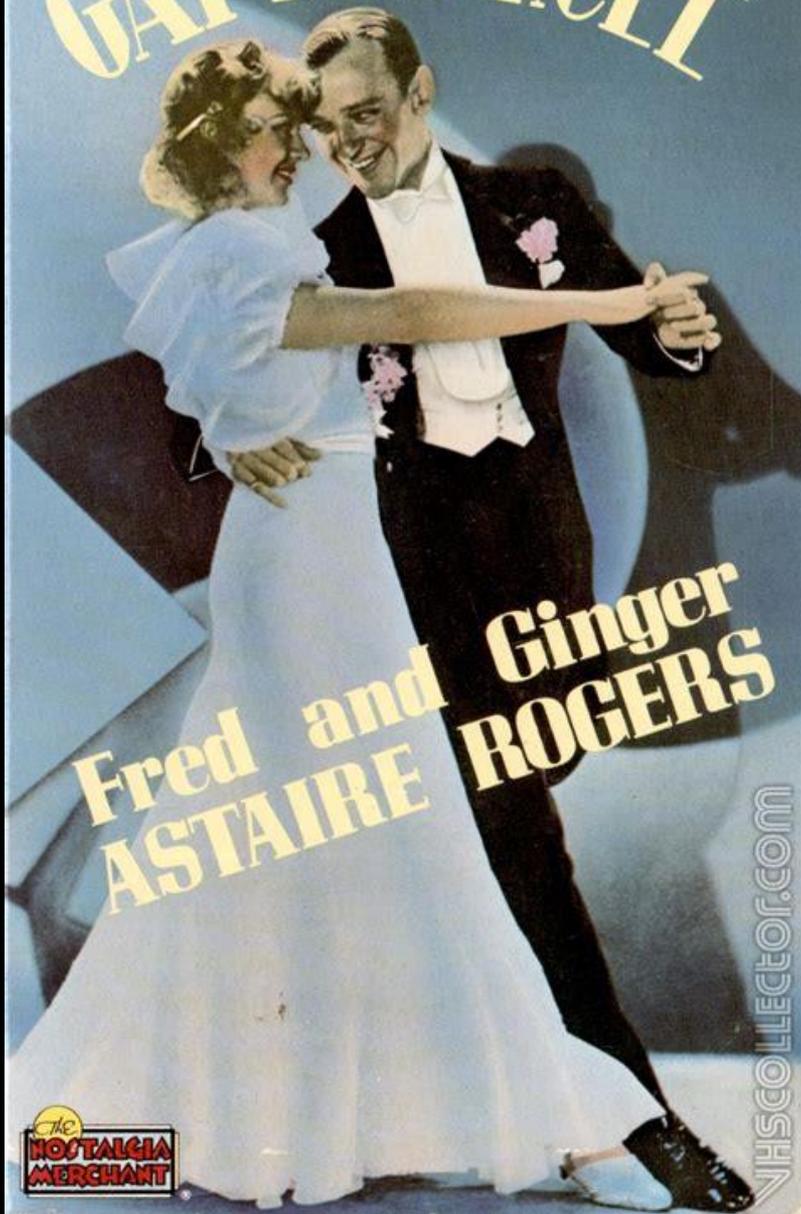
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“...my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed...” (Philippians 1:20)

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To reach that level of determination is a matter of the will, not of debate or of reasoning.

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When we think seriously about what it will cost others if we obey the call of Jesus, we tell God He doesn't know what our obedience will mean.

Keep to the point— He does know.

Shut out every other thought and keep yourself before God in this one thing only— my utmost for His highest. I am determined to be absolutely and entirely for Him and Him alone.

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“Whether it means life or death-it makes no difference!” (Philippians 1:21). Paul was determined that nothing would stop him from doing exactly what God wanted. But before we choose to follow God’s will, a crisis must develop in our lives.

This happens because we tend to be unresponsive to God’s gentler nudges.

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He brings us to the place where He asks us to be our utmost for Him and we begin to debate.

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