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Playing the Second Fiddle

A famous conductor was once asked which instrument that he considered to be the most difficult one to play. His reply: "The second fiddle."

Shortly after Abraham Lincoln had defeated Stephen Douglas for the office of the Presidency of the United States, the two men were together on the Capitol for Lincoln's inauguration. The President-elect had been introduced and stood up carrying the manuscript for his speech, a cane, and his tall silk hat. As he approached the lectern, he looked for a place to put his hat. Stephen Douglas quickly stepped forward, took the hat, and returned to his seat. "If I can't be President," he said later, "I can at least hold his hat."

We all want to be #1. Nobody really likes to be second. The number "two" seat seems never to be the easiest one to fill. The idea of assuming a subsidiary role to someone is not something that normally comes natural. But since everybody can't be #1, "playing the second fiddle" is a something that we must learn to do.

The fact is: the part of the second violin in an orchestra is just as important as the part of the first violin. Importance is not registered by the seat in which a musician sits. Beautiful music is produced when each one plays their part.

One of the great lessons in our Christian service is knowing how to be next instead of always first.

No one could ever deny the place of prominence given to the life of Simon Peter in the New Testament. He seemed always to be "first" even among the other disciples. But never forget that it was Andrew who brought Peter to Jesus. We have no sermons that Andrew ever preached. There is no book in our New Testament named after Andrew. We have very few recorded words that Andrew ever spoke. Yet, had it not been for Andrew, we would have never known Peter. Andrew apparently had mastered the ability of "playing the second fiddle."

Who among us has ever heard the name of Albert McMakin? He was the young man who invited another young man, his sixteen year old friend, and then took him to an evangelistic meeting where he accepted Christ as his personal Savior. That young boy's name was Billy Graham.

Behind every Peter, there's an Andrew. Behind every Paul, there's a Barnabas. Behind every Billy, there's an Albert.

When you are called on to play "second fiddle", be glad you've been given a part in the great plan that God is orchestrating. After all, it really doesn't matter who gets the credit, just so long as God gets all the [glory!](#)

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