

Structure and Dynamics of the Spiritual Exercises: Assignment 3

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1. What is Ignatius speaking of when he speaks of an “election”? Why did he place such a great emphasis on the process of making an election?
2. In the meditation on the Two Standards, Ignatius seems to equate the word “standard” with a battle flag (*Spiritual Exercises* [137]). What is he really speaking about?
3. Are the “riches” to which Satan tempts people (*Spiritual Exercises* [142]) simply monetary riches? If not, what are they?
4. Why is the meditation on the Two Standards so important in the Spiritual Exercises and Ignatian spirituality?
5. What is the meditation on the Three Types of Persons meant to achieve in a retreatant?
6. Why is the second kind of humility necessary for a fruitful election?
7. What was Ignatius’ intention in placing the meditation on the Three Kinds of Humility almost at the end of the Second Week?