

Choosing the Best

Luke 10: 38 – 42

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Series: Mother's day

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³⁸ Now as they were traveling along, He entered a village; and a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her home. ³⁹ She had a sister called Mary, who was seated at the Lord's feet, listening to His word. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted with all her preparations; and she came up *to Him* and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to do all the serving alone? Then tell her to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things; ⁴² but *only* one thing is necessary, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her."

Martha's Service. Vv. 38 – 39.

- Typically Jesus traveled with about 20 people.
 - Martha's home was in Bethany
 - Martha invites Jesus and all into her home.
 - Martha begins to act as a proper host.
- Martha is working up a storm, but Mary . . .
 - Is sitting at Jesus' feet listening.
 - Shows her love to the Lord, humility, and a spiritual hunger for the Word.

When Service Becomes Worry and Woe. V. 40.

- This task was too large for one woman.
 - Martha needed help.
 - Mary was neglecting her duties.
 - Martha was distracted and stuck in the tyranny of the urgent.
 - Martha may have been a little perturbed about Jesus not already suggesting Mary help her.

Setting the Priority, Devotion Before Service. Vv. 41 -42.

- With a gentle tone of reproof and admonition, and with affection Jesus reaches out to Martha.
 - Worried and Bothered.
- Service is good, but being spiritually filled takes precedence over any other need in life.
 - This is the hardest lesson in life.
 - Mary chose the best over what was good.

Conclusion

- Martha was absorbed, preoccupied, distracted, in her own world, busy, but well meaning.
- Mary concentrated all her efforts on listening to Jesus, she was single hearted.
- Are we so busy with perceived or actual responsibilities that we are neglecting our relationship with God?