

BUT ONE THING IS NEEDFUL

LUKE 10

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Introduction:

The day in which we live it is so easy to get so busy, we don't know if we are coming or going. Sometimes it is good to look back to this story of Mary and Martha to remember to keep our priorities straight.

Notice:

1. THEIR DECISION (VS 38)

(Luke 10:38) "Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house."

A. Good decision.

1. It is always a good and right decision to invite Christ in.

a. Though I believe that Martha was saved prior to this story, we as Christians need to invite the Lord to lead and guide in our lives as well.

2. This is the most important decision that anyone can make.

B. Genuine Decision

1. This decision was one of genuineness.

2. She truly wanted the Lord to come into her home, for dinner and to relax.

C. Gracious Decision

1. She did not have to invite the Lord to her home.

2. I can see something that each of us have, that is called a free will.

2. DEVOTION (VS 39)

(Luke 10:39) "And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word."

A. Right Person (Jesus)

B. Right priorities

C. Right position (Jesus feet)

3. DISTRACTION (VS 40)

(Luke 10:40) "But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me."

- Distractions in Church
- Workers in church doing their job.
- Moving around in church.
- Talking in church.
- Going to the bathroom in church.
- Opening candy.
- Clipping fingernails
- Passing notes.
- Baby crying

“Being busy is good but is not always the best!”
We can be so busy doing right that it becomes wrong.

Illustration:

A machine with 10,000 moving parts, there is a lot of motion but no purpose.

A. Wrong preference

1. Preferred present instead of future.
2. Preferred the physical instead of the spiritual.

B. Wrong person.

1. Was concerned about herself, and home.

C. Wrong priorities.

1. Was more concerned about her work than spending time with the Lord.

4. DISTINCTION (VS 41)

(Luke 10:41) "And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things:"

A. Though both had right motives but the means were drastically different.

1. One thing was needful.

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