

Jesus Visits the Home of Martha and Mary Luke 10:38-42

It seems Martha and Mary often _____ Jesus while He was in the area of Jerusalem. We will find it recorded He was in their home _____ times. By their actions and words, we know these two women loved Jesus very much and recognized Him as their _____.

I The Setting

“Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received (Lit. _____) him into her house. ³⁹And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and _____ his word. But Martha was cumbered (Lit. - _____) _____ about much serving, ” Luke 10:38-40a

“he entered into a certain village” –

“received him into her house” –

Martha –

Mary –

II. Martha's Complaint

**“But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath _____ me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she _____ me.”
Luke 10:40**

“dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone?” –

“bid her therefore that she help me” –

III. Jesus' Truth

“And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art _____ and _____ about _____ things: ⁴²But _____ thing is needful: and Mary _____ chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.” Luke 10:41-42

Truth about Martha –

Martha's Good Action:

- Warmly _____ Jesus into her home. – Greatly honored and excited to have Him!
- Prepare an _____ meal to **honor Jesus** – loving host
Everything in her power---plus---to make Jesus' visit special

Martha's Good Action _____ Becomes Her Enemy:

- Over-occupation and fussing over the _____ part of the service...led to →
- Inner anxiety when realizing she could not meet her own _____ led to →
- A complete loss of herself, and she burst into a jealous temper and anger at both Jesus and Mary! She could not sustain what she had planned by herself! Ultimately, Martha _____ others and _____ herself!

The One she had wanted to honor became one of the objects of her fury!

Truth about Mary –

Mary's Good Action:

- Eager and alert _____ -
- Undistracted _____ -

Mary's Good Action was _____ by Jesus:

- One _____ was needful – Mary got it right
- Her position was _____ going to be “taken away from her.”

Believers' Application:

This incident is an example of Jesus followers desiring to serve and work for Jesus instead of sitting and learning from Him. Jesus always emphasized a heart of love and obedience, not solely work and sacrifice. These two attitudes have been at war with each other since the beginning. One leads to peace and growth and the other can easily move to frustration and anxiety. We must be constantly evaluating our lives. Are we serving but neglecting the “good part?”

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The Practical Power of “One Thing” – p. 58

The one thing that Jesus said was needed in Martha’s life was fellowship with him—and that’s true for us too. But the principle of “one thing” can also have smaller, practical implications that can help when life feels overwhelming. Here are some ways to practice one-thing thinking when your wagon feels overloaded.

1. Invite Jesus to _____ and _____. *Each morning before you get out of bed, invite the Lord to come take the throne of your life, to be your “one thing.” Present your day to him and ask him for wisdom and guidance.*

2. Ask God to _____ the next step. *As you go through your day, keep asking the Lord, “what is the one thing I need to do next?” Don’t let the big picture overwhelm you. Just take the next step as he reveals it – wash one dish, make one phone call, put on your jogging clothes. Then take the next step...and the next.*

3. Have _____ that what needs to get done will get done. *Since you have dedicated your day to the Lord, trust that he’ll show you the one thing or many things that must be done. Do what you can do in the time allotted. Then trust that what wasn’t accomplished was either unnecessary or is being taken care of by God.*

4. Be open to the Spirit’s _____. *You may find your day interrupted by divine appointments. Instead of resisting the interruptions, flow with the one thing as God brings it across your path. You’ll be amazed at the joy and freedom that comes from surrendering your agenda and cooperating with his.*

**“Commit thy works unto the LORD,
and thy thoughts shall be established.”
Proverbs 16:3**

These verses emphasize the balance needed in the life of a follower of God:

Psalm 27:4 –

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 –

1 Corinthians 10:31 –

Colossians 3:23-24 –

1 Peter 4:8-10 –

It is wonderful to realize that Martha learned from Jesus' gentle rebuke. John 12:1-3

We find much of the same scenario:

- Martha is prepping and serving a banquet meal –
- Mary at Jesus' feet –

But this time Martha reacts differently – no.....