

CHRISTIANITY AT HOME

Luke 10:38-42

There are few pictures in the NT of Jesus or His apostles in their _____ ; the gospels focus on their travels
In this story Jesus was doing what He had _____ the 70 disciples to do when He sent them out 2 X 2
Jesus and the twelve apostles stopped at Martha's and Mary's home on their final trip to _____
Apparently Martha was the _____ : the responsibility for the household was hers; obviously she loved Jesus
According to verse 39 Mary "also" shared in the household _____ but she also found time to sit at Jesus' feet
Martha is described as "distracted" in verse 40, which literally means "walked around"—her mind _____
V. 41 says Martha was "worried" which means "divided—she could not pay single-minded _____ to Jesus
V. 40 says Martha _____ on Jesus: she expressed her anger toward Mary and her impatience with Jesus

I. THE LORD HIMSELF MUST BE OUR FIRST _____

- A. The demands of keeping up a _____ are never-ending, whether you are a man or a woman
- B. Despite these demands, this story teaches us that HE must be our first priority—in the _____
- C. We will not find fulfillment and contentment in homes; that can be found only in _____ Himself!

II. GOOD IS OFTEN THE ENEMY OF THE _____

Martha didn't do anything wrong, per se: her problem was that doing good kept her from doing the _____

- A. Beware of the Tyranny of the _____
 - 1) The immediately urgent are the things that _____ at us: fires to be put out and deadlines to meet
 - 2) The eternally important never _____ our attention; they are easy to put on the back burner
 - 3) Long after the immediately urgent will be forgotten, the eternally important will still _____ us
 - 4) Jesus implies that we can get done what we _____ and still have time for the eternally important
- B. Beware of the Threat of the _____

The problem often is not what we absolutely must do but rather the projects that we _____ to do
- C. Beware of the Trap of the _____
 - 1) Many seek to be perfect because they see it as _____ but their pursuit costs the eternally important
 - 2) Martha couldn't get things done to her _____ of perfection and still find time to sit at Jesus' feet

III. OUR FELLOWSHIP WITH THE LORD MUST PRECEDE OUR _____ FOR THE LORD

Jesus is not teaching worship above or instead of service—not either/or but rather _____

- A. The Color of _____
 - 1) Martha wanted others to _____ the good she did and she complained when no one noticed or helped
 - 2) This spirit often results when we do not _____ with Jesus first to be energized by love and grace
- B. The Color of _____

Conflict can result when we serve Jesus in our own strength, run out of energy and turn _____
- C. The Color of _____

Martha focused on doing what Jesus _____ rather than receiving the one needful thing from Him
- D. The Color of _____
 - 1) Martha thought more of the food that she had _____ than the spiritual food that Jesus offered
 - 2) In our materialistic culture it is easy to place more _____ on what we can see vs what we can't