



Martha, Martha

Luke 10:38-42 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. [39] And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word. [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. [41] And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: [42] But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

In some cases, Martha has been looked at one lesser than Mary because of this instance when Jesus visited her.

I have studied this to see to discover what positives we see from this. There is another perspective.

What did Martha do right?

Believe it or not Martha got some things right.

① Serving is not bad, nor the issue. The word encourages us to serve. Luke 22:26; John 12:26.

- a) We need to serve others. Serving is something we never leave behind no matter how far and high we are promoted. The greatest of all is one who serves others.
 - i) We are promoted to serve not to boss and have dominion over others.
- b) Greatness is defined in serving. This passage is not encouraging laziness.

② Notice Martha received Jesus.

- a) This another good thing. She associated with Him.
- b) Lesson: We need to receive Jesus in our house— heart. This is the start of a vital relationship.

- c) Martha was being hospitable—a very good thing.

What did she do wrong?

Before you throw rocks or stones at Martha, look in the mirror. You have done the same. The purpose of this passage is not to shame Martha, but to teach us all a lesson of priority (Matthew 6:33) of the things of God and the things of the spirit.

The Lord used this as a benchmark for example to teach us all about what needs to be our focus in such moments.

③ Martha's issue was she was **distracted**—something we all are guilty of.

- a) Being distracted from the main thing or good thing can cause major problems. Martha was distracted from sitting at the feet of Jesus and hearing Him.

Martha majored in the minors and minored in the majors instead of majoring in the majors. She needed to keep the first things first.

- b) She was distracted by **MUCH SERVING**. She was distracted by a good thing. Good things have a bigger potential of distracting us.
 - i) The word "**servicing**" is translated from a Greek Word that means to "**attendance**." And in some passages is translate to "**minister**." It is also in the same Word that we get the Word **Deacon**.
 - ii) Martha was caught up by **much** ministry, not ministry. Ministry can also be a distraction.

This led to:

- c) Careful and troubled about many things.
 - i) Being distracted from the main thing causes us to be troubled and worried about many things. Are you troubled and worried? You're distracted from the main thing. Get your focus back on the main thing on the good part.
 - ii) If you feel unrest or anxiety, it is possibly because you're not walking down the path of peace. You are not being led by the spirit. Be led by peace (Isaiah 55). When you are not distracted, you can easily get into a place of peace. The less the distractions, the more we manifest peace.

d) Martha getting mad because she had no help.

④ Blamed the LORD

Here is how you know you are wrong. When you blame God. It is out of line and out of order to blame God. God is not your issue or your problem. He is your answer. When you start to blame God, you have misplaced priorities which causes frustration.

- a) Don't you care? Ask her to come help me. This is a wrong question. You should never ask the Lord such a question unless you do not know the Word.
- b) Blaming Jesus—You don't care. This was not accurate. No one cares for us more than the Lord, not even close to the Lord. 1 Peter 5:7
 - i) Make sure you never blame the Lord for anything. This is a wrong view of the Lord. **Martha had a wrong view of the Lord.**
 - ii) By Him being in her house, was a sign that He cared for her.
 - iii) When we need help, we can end up trying to criticize the LORD—thinking He does not care. Far from it. The LORD has always cared about us.