

Martha, Mary, and the Matter of Work and the Word (Luke 10:38-42)

<p>³⁸ Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house.</p>	<p>1. Jesus Receives _____ from Martha <i>a. Jesus _____ a Village</i> <i>b. Martha _____ for Jesus</i></p>
<p>³⁹ And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word.</p>	<p>2. Mary, and Her Sitting & _____ <i>a. Who: Mary, Martha's _____</i> <i>b. Where: Before Jesus' _____</i> <i>c. What: _____ His Word</i></p>
<p>⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted with much serving,</p>	<p>3. Martha, and Her _____ <i>a. The _____ of Martha</i> <i>b. The _____ of Martha</i></p>
<p>and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone?"</p>	<p>4. Martha _____ Jesus <i>a. She approaches _____ (& Mary)</i> <i>b. She questions Jesus' _____</i> <i>c. She describes Mary's " _____"</i></p>
<p>Therefore tell her to help me."</p>	<p>5. Martha _____ Jesus <i>a. She _____ the Savior</i> <i>b. She _____ the solution</i></p>
<p>⁴¹ And Jesus¹ answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things.</p>	<p>6. Jesus _____ to Martha <i>a. Jesus calls her _____</i> <i>b. Jesus identifies her _____</i> <i>c. Jesus reveals her _____</i></p>
<p>⁴² "But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."</p>	<p>7. Jesus _____ Mary's Choice <i>a. _____ thing is a _____</i> <i>b. Mary's _____ choice</i> <i>c. Mary's _____ choice</i></p>

We must take caution not to disregard what the Bible clearly teaches by adopting an interpretation that does just that.

What This Cannot Be Saying:

1. That it is wrong to be _____
2. That it is wrong to be _____ your God-given duties
3. That it is wrong to be working _____

OBSERVATIONS:

- Jesus was physically and geographically present. This is no longer so.
- Mary sat hearing "His Word." We have the complete written Word available to us in many forms.
- Mary sat hearing "His Word." This was a monologue, not a dialogue.
- The Bible will not contradict what it clearly teaches elsewhere.
- The text doesn't speak of "worship," "fellowship," or "prayer."

QUESTIONS:

- Is it speaking of a mystical relationship ("sitting at the feet of Jesus")?
- Is it the timing? (little time that Jesus was around)
- Is it spiritual learning?
- Why is only ONE thing a need? _____ builds on the Word.

This passage ultimately presents the need of the proper priority of the Word over our duties and tasks, not projects versus inactivity (laziness), or service versus dereliction (irresponsibility) or even the withdrawing of ourselves from duty to monkhood ("spirituality").

Application 1:

1. We are *not* to be governed by the _____ of our work
2. We are *not* to be governed by the _____ of our work
3. We *are* to be governed by our Creator and Lord's _____

Application 2:

- Prioritize time to _____ in the Word
- Prioritize opportunities to _____ the Word
- Allow the Word to _____ and to _____ your "many things"
- Let the Bible, not your tasks, _____ your life

Summary Statement

You cannot effectively _____, _____ or _____ your responsibilities unless you are immersed in and governed by the Word of God. Therefore your prioritizing of the reading and learning of the Word of God is FOUNDATIONAL for ALL other areas of life.