


③ Cultivating Xtian Hospitality "Attention to the other"

"Cultivation" purposeful, language of growth, change, none have arrived! Mary's baby steps

1 Receive Jesus' gentle prodding, pushing, challenging of you "Martha, Martha"

➡➡ You and I have a long way to go!

2 Cultivate a deep devotional life centered on Jesus' Person + Work  + Teaching

LISTEN TO HIS WORD

Growing Your LIFE OF PRAYER

Loving JESUS ► Relationship

3 Refuse the false dichotomy of being vs. doing. If you love Jesus ➡ then you will Love others, If you listen to Jesus ➡ then you will be attentive to others.

➡➡ Jesus "universalizes" (Joel Green) your neighbor as the one in need! Love Jesus = love neighbor.

Xtians Being set free from heart curved in upon itself + consequently paying attention to others by Jesus is one of greatest witnesses to Jesus!

SCRIPTURE READING (CON'T)

³⁶Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" ³⁷He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

³⁸Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. ³⁹And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord

answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴²but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GIVING

Redeemer Offerings for 2017

January total: \$20,946

Actual YTD: \$20,946

Target YTD: \$26,000

Net Difference: \$-5,054

2017 Target Budget: \$338,000

2017 Target reflects the Session's hope for giving in 2017 based on current giving and needs. Thank you for giving so cheerfully and faithfully.

COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How does Martha's hospitality show that in much of our hospitality we are self-centered vs. valuing and paying attention to the other person as the most important thing?
2. How does Mary's hospitality show us what Christian hospitality is: paying attention, valuing the other person as most valuable.
3. How does a deep devotional life of love of Jesus - His Person, His Work, His Words - inevitably move us to a life of action of welcoming, embracing, and showing hospitality to the other?

↳ Restoration of Xtian Hospitality as central to Xtian life, ethic **Ethicist Phillip Hallie**

➔ **How** you do hospitality matters!

① Martha's hospitality

☰☰ Luke uses technical term for hospitality, describes Martha as an independent, prosperous host who welcomes Jesus
Martha welcomes Jesus ... distracted...

What's wrong w Martha's hospitality?

= *in the context* is the answer

- ☑ Jesus sends 72 w. Kingdom message vs 1-9
- ☑ To accept Jesus / to reject Jesus messengers is to accept Jesus / reject Jesus is to accept / reject ☺! ▶ incur judgment vs 10-20
- ☑ Jesus rejoice that disciples know the Son ▶ they are blessed ones vs 21-24
- ☑ Parable of the GOOD SAMARITAN vs 25-37

Answer = Attention to Jesus + His Word most important
Martha's hospitality is about her, not Jesus
Cor curvum in se, Martha "Me" 3x

➔ **Relate?** Your hospitality about You, not other?

② Mary's hospitality

☰☰ "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

- ☑ Not Mary as a model of contemplative life
- ☑ Not one personality type (Mary) as better than another (Martha)
- ☑ **BUT** Mary focus her attention, centers herself on the Person + Teaching of Jesus!
"Devotional Life" ... LORD'S PRAYER (Being)
+ Life of action, attention to needs of others (Doing)

How? How do I do Xtian hospitality?

= By attending to the guest, other person
Joel Green as the ♥ + essence + best of Xtian hospitality.

Quite a ~~stretch~~ stretch! No it isn't!

☰☰ Parable of Good Samaritan
+ story of Martha + Mary
▶ both are teaching this lesson!

This is very hard. How do I move from self to other focus?