

**“ONE THING”**

**LUKE 10:41-42**

**1. “One Thing is Needed” (Jesus Christ) - My Direction**

\* While Martha wanted to do what was good, Mary chose what was best -

**Proverbs 4:23 NKJV** Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it *spring* the issues of life.

\* There are other things, many competing things, but one tops them all -

**Mark 12:28-30 NKJV** 28 Then one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, perceiving that He had answered them well, asked Him, “Which is the first commandment of all?”

29 Jesus answered him, “**The first of all the commandments is: ‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. 30 And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’** This *is* the first commandment.

\* Amidst life’s duties...distractions... difficulties...disturbances - don’t be sidetracked!

*You are worried and troubled about many things*

\* If this is first, it must be set, sought, and scheduled above all else -

**Matthew 6:33 NKJV** But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

**Exodus 20:3 NKJV** “You shall have no other gods before Me.

*Mary has chosen that good part [what is better - NIV]*

\* Jesus speaks in view of eternity, which we should live in light of -

**Psalms 90:2, 12 NKJV** 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever You had formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God. 12 So teach *us* to number our days, That we may gain a heart of wisdom.

*which will not be taken away from her*

**2. “One Thing I Have Desired” (David) - My Desire**

**Psalms 27:4-5 NKJV** 4 One *thing* I have desired of the Lord, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the Lord, And to inquire in His temple. 5 For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock.

\* David, the “man after God’s heart,” pursued Him above all else (security, position, privilege, recognition) -

**Psalms 63:1-2 NKJV** 1 O God, You *are* my God; Early will I seek You; My soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You In a dry and thirsty land Where there is no water. 2 So I have looked for You in the sanctuary, To see Your power and Your glory.

**Psalms 42:1-2 NKJV** 1 As the deer pants for the water brooks, So pants my soul for You, O God. 2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?

\* Learn to align your life, your will, your pursuits with those of God’s -

*To dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life* - today, believers are His temple, we abide/dwell in Christ -

**John 15:4 NKJV** Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

\* Our delight is ultimately in the person of the Lord Himself...expressed in heartfelt worship, praise, enjoyment

**Psalms 37:4 NKJV** Delight yourself also in the Lord, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.

*to behold the beauty [delightfulness - margin note] of the Lord*

\* As we seek Him, He rewards us with wisdom, insight, direction, physical provisions -

**Hebrews 11:6 NKJV** But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

**Luke 2:49, 52 NKJV** **49** And He said to them, **"Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?"** **52** And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

*and to inquire in His temple*

**Psalms 25:14 NKJV** *The secret of the Lord is with those who fear Him, And He will show them His covenant.*

### 3. "One Thing I Do" (Paul) - My Discipline

**Philippians 3:12-14 NKJV** **12** Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. **13** Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, **14** I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

\* Paul's "one thing" - v. 10, *that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings*

\* Knowing Him is worth giving up anything else to gain -

**Philippians 3:7-8 NKJV** **7** But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. **8** Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ

\* Never think you've "arrived" or got it all, it's a lifetime pursuit -

**Romans 1:17 NKJV** For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

**2 Corinthians 3:18 NKJV** But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

**Psalms 84:7 NKJV** They go from strength to strength; *Each one appears before God in Zion.*

*Not that I have already attained or am already perfected...I do not count myself to have apprehended*

\* Don't live in the past - let go your regrets and failures, hold lightly your accomplishments and victories -

**1 Samuel 7:12 NKJV** Then Samuel took a stone and set *it* up between Mizpah and Shen, and called its name Ebenezer, saying, "Thus far the Lord has helped us."

*one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind*

\* Stretch forward for the prize - not slip or slide or drift, but actively strive -

**1 Corinthians 9:25-26 NKJV** **25** And everyone who competes *for* the prize is temperate in all things. Now they *do* it to obtain a perishable crown, but we *for* an imperishable crown. **26** Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as *one* who beats the air.

**Hebrews 12:1 NKJV** Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares *us*, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

*reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus*

\* "Just do it!" - "How you use your time" - "No magic pill"