

The Gospel of Luke: Mother's Day – Martha and Mary

1. Martha, Mary and Jesus

A. Martha is _____ Jesus

1. What is the issue with Martha? It is not being busy; working; **Mark6:31-33; 2Tim2:6; Prv6:6**
2. It's being distracted – and by really good things, serving the Lord – **what about us?**
*distracted: pulled, dragged away with much serving, busyness of preparation
*she believed, vs.40 “Lord”; **Jn11:25-27**, and had welcomed Him in her home to serve
3. This pulled her heart and gaze away from loving and worshipping the Lord
*Worried and bothered – is agitated and mad and is rude and dishonoring to the Lord
*Do you not even care...i.e. You're teaching and don't even care about what I'm doing
*Then tell her to help me...makes a demand of God; Mary's doing nothing! Tell her!
4. Distracted from Jesus, *the Word of Life*; and her *love relationship and fellowship w/ Jesus*
***Rev2:4,5 vs. Phil3:8-11**

B. Mary is _____ at the feet of Jesus listening to His word

1. Mary has one focus – Jesus, to hear His Word and obey it
2. Notice her posture: **vs.39**; sitting at His feet – humility, other things are set aside, she is taking time to be still, listen and hear Jesus speak the Word of God – totally focused, intent
*rabbis didn't allow women to be near, at the feet, of the teacher, had to be in the back;
but she wanted to be as close as she could get – **like** sitting on the edge of your seat...
*Jesus and what He said was the priority of her life; everything else was put aside (**Heb12:1,2**)

C. Jesus is _____ or teaching God's Word, the Words of eternal life

1. Why was Jesus sharing and teaching God's Word? **Jn4:34**
2. Why did Jesus pray so much? ***Mark1:32-38; John5:19**
*He loved the Father, loved time in fellowship w/ Him, and only did His will!
*He loved to do the Father's will BECAUSE of His love relationship; produced works!
*This brought the Father's power in His life – **Mk9:28,29**

2. What is the Pursuit of our Lives?

A. Jesus tells Martha, _____ is necessary; **vs.42** – loving, knowing, obeying and being w/ Him!

1. Christianity is truly not a religion but a living, intimate love relationship with Jesus Christ!
***Ps27:4; 63:1-8; 73:25-28; Phil3:13; 1Jn1:4; Mark12:30!!!**
2. This love for Christ motivates us to pursue Him AND want to hear and obey His Word!!!
***2Cor5:14,15; Deut.8:3; Luke6:46-47; 8:20,21 (personal study/prayer; preaching)**
3. Olympic athlete and **1Cor9:24,25** – one goal, pursuit; everything in life is to obtain that prize

B. How do we know if we have become distracted?

1. Are you frustrated, worried and bothered about many things, lacking joy and peace
2. Sloth – sin of being bored with God; this leads to following the Lord being a chore
3. Do you read God's Word out of duty or out of an intimate love relationship w/ Christ
4. Is the heart of Jesus, our heart? Matt4:19 – follow Me and I will make you ...
5. What is your posture? Abiding in Christ, takes time for a love relationship...