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# Week 11: Life Hacks Prioritizing What Really Matters

Luke 10:38-42 (CSB)

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## **LUKE 10:38-42 (CSB)**

**“While they were traveling, he entered a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who also sat at the Lord’s feet and was listening to what he said.**

# **LUKE 10:38-42 (CSB)**

**But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, and she came up and asked, “Lord, don’t you care that my sister has left me to serve alone? So tell her to give me a hand.”**

# **LUKE 10:38-42 (CSB)**

**The Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and upset about many things, but one thing is necessary. , Mary has made the right choice, and it will not be taken away from her.”**

**You can do a lot for Jesus  
and still miss being with Jesus.**

**When faith becomes about performance instead of  
presence, what was meant to be life-giving slowly  
becomes exhausting.**

# **FOUR LIFE HACKS TO PRIORITIZE WHAT MATTERS MOST.**

**#1: Before you lift your hand to serve,  
SEARCH YOUR HEART.**

***“Martha welcomed Him into her home.”***

***(v.38)***

**IF WE NEVER SLOW DOWN TO EXAMINE OUR  
MOTIVES, OUR WRONG MOTIVATION WILL SHOW UP  
AS FRUSTRATION.**



# **FOUR LIFE HACKS TO PRIORITIZE WHAT MATTERS MOST.**

**#2: Treat your irritation as insight, not as  
ammunition.**

***“Martha welcomed Him into her home.”***

***(v.38)***

**Jesus doesn't focus on Martha's outward frustration;  
He gently leads her inward.**

**Frustration is an indicator light that something on  
the inside needs attention.**



# **FOUR LIFE HACKS TO PRIORITIZE WHAT MATTERS MOST.**

**#3: Don't let unexamined expectations  
become unhealthy burdens.**

***"...TELL HER TO HELP ME!" (v.40)***

## **LUKE 10:25–26 (CSB)**

**An expert in the law stood up to test Him, saying,  
‘Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ Jesus  
replied, ‘What is written in the law? How do you read  
it?’**

**Our expectations are often shaped not just by  
Scripture itself, but by:**

- **how we were taught to read it**
- **the lens we bring to it**
- **the culture we swim in**



**Expectations you don't examine will  
eventually exhaust you and straining your  
relationships along the way.**

**Prayer:** Jesus, show me where my expectations are weighing me down instead of leading me to You.



# **FOUR LIFE HACKS TO PRIORITIZE WHAT MATTERS MOST.**

**#4: Let Jesus reorder what you assume is most  
important.**

**“Martha, Martha... you are anxious and troubled...  
Mary has chosen the better portion.” (vv.41–42)**



**First, He names her inner condition:**

**“You are anxious and troubled.”**

**Second, He reframes her focus:**

**“There is only one thing necessary.”**

**Third, He elevates presence over performance:**

**“Mary has chosen the better portion”**



**Jesus is less interested in how much we do for  
Him than in whether what we do flows from  
being with Him.**





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