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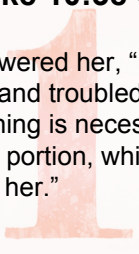
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Luke 10:38-42
Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching.

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But 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."

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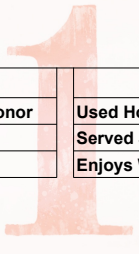
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Mary and Martha Personalities

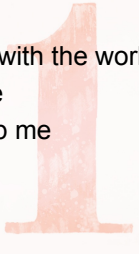
Strong Points

Mary	Martha
Used Attention to honor	Used Hospitality to honor
Listened to Jesus	Served Jesus
Enjoys Rest	Enjoys Work



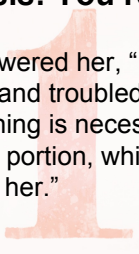
Martha's Petition

1. I'm struggling with the work load
2. Don't you care
3. Tell her to help me



The Diagnosis: You're Distracted

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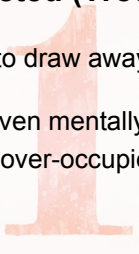


Distracted (Troubled)

to draw around, to draw away, distract

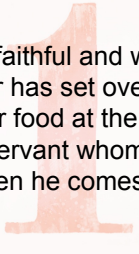
Inward: to be driven mentally

Outward: To be over-occupied physically



Matthew 24:45-46

Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his master has set over his household, to give them their food at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes.



1. Human priorities lead to frayed relationships.

Presumption and Striving	
Issue	Definition
Presumption (Inward)	Behavior that transgresses beyond the limits of what is appropriate or needed Biblically means to transgress beyond the limits of God's timing and plan
Striving (Outward)	Exert great effort to achieve. Biblically means to use only human effort to achieve God-sized goals

Psalm 127:1-2

Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain. It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives to his beloved sleep.

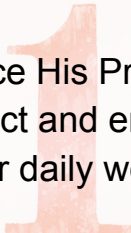
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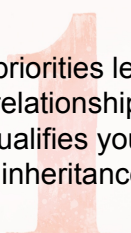
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Weak Points

Perpetual Student	Perpetual Motion
Procrastination	Presumption
Detached	Distracted


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Colossians 1:12

Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

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John 15:4-5

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

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"In the noise and clatter of my kitchen, while several persons are at the same time calling for different things, I possess God in as great tranquillity as if I were upon my knees in the Chapel."

- Brother Lawrence

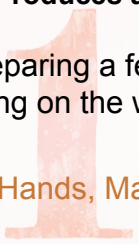
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"Make it your study, before taking up any task," Brother Lawrence advises, "to look to God, be it only for a moment."

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His Presence Produces a “Mary” Heart

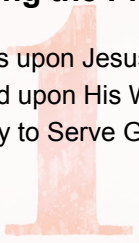
Martha is preparing a feast for Jesus
Mary is feasting on the words of Jesus

Martha’s Hands, Mary’s Heart



Practicing the Presence

1. Turn your eyes upon Jesus
2. Turn your mind upon His Word
3. Turn your body to Serve God



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