



Luke 10:38-42

“Martha and Mary make a fascinating pair...very different in many ways but alike in one vital respect: they both loved Christ.” -John MacArthur, *12 Extraordinary Women*

Martha the Servant

“distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.” Romans 12:13

Mary the Worshipper

“Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead. There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him. Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil.” John 12:1-3

POINT: Sunday worship is a by-product of Monday through Saturday worship!

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.” Romans 12:1

There Are 3 Ways In Which We Can Become Distracted In This Passage:

1. We do not see our Critical Spirit (vs. 40)

Distracted- To be pulled away

“Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold, the Judge is standing at the door!” James 5:9

2. We do not see our Complacent Worship (vs. 41)

Worried >> Think about something

Troubled >> Dwell on something

“Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?” Matthew 6:25-27

“Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow. It empties today of its strength.” -Corrie Ten Boom

3. We do not see our Confused Priorities (vs. 42)

*“Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth.”
Psalm 96:9*

“He's calling us to the Great Exchange...the one where we can never lose. As we trade the "many things" that make us anxious, He gives us the "one thing" that calms our hearts. Himself.” -Joanna Weaver, *Having A Mary Heart In A Martha World*

Lo! I come with joy to do the Master's blessed will,
Him in outward works pursue, and serve his pleasure still;
faithful to my Lord's commands, I still would choose the better part,
serve with careful Martha's hands, and loving Mary's heart.
Charles Wesley

POINT: Intimacy with Christ must always come before ministry for Christ.

COMMITMENT: I will place priority on my intimacy with Christ before any ministry I do for Christ.