



D2: MARY & MARTHA

Wednesday: February 22, 2012

DUE:

Saturday: March 24, 2012

Now as they were traveling along, He entered a village; and a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her home. She had a sister called Mary, who was seated at the Lord's feet, listening to His word. But Martha was distracted with all her preparations; and she came up to Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to do all the serving alone? Then tell her to help me."

But the Lord answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things; but only one thing is necessary, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her."

Luke 10:38-42

1. Jesus said that Martha was "worried and bothered about so many things." In the lesson, we considered two aspects of what He said.

First, think about Martha's excessive service ("so many things"). Can you identify expectations you have of what you want to get done that are excessive, or more than what is necessary? Is there something from the lesson that can help you make some adjustments?

Second, think about Martha's response. The passage says she was distracted with all her preparations, and Jesus said that she was "worried and bothered." When you are tempted to respond to your circumstances in that way, how can you use the gospel to shepherd your heart? What truths does your heart need to remember? How might that kind of heart shepherding change your response?

2. In what ways have you chosen to make Jesus your priority this week? What did that look like?
Can you identify something that you should NOT have chosen that would have made Him a greater priority?

3. How would you like to see the priority Jesus has in your life grow? What are some steps you can take in that direction? How would that benefit others...in your household/family?...in ministry?

"Mary chose what was for the benefit of her soul. She was seeking more grace. She was striving after closer communion with God and his Christ. This was the portion which she preferred to everything else and to which she was willing for a time to postpone all earthly care. Those who seek such a portion will never be disappointed. Their treasure will never be taken from them."

Ryle, Commentary on Luke

