



D2 & D3: The Home & Ministry – Mary & Martha (Luke 10:38-42)

Introduction:

What this passage is NOT about:

- Personality types or temperaments
- Showing that Mary was unwilling to serve
- Jesus was not trying to help us learn how to be balanced between Martha-type ministry and Mary-type solitude.
- Showing us that we can be unconcerned about serving

Vs 38: A HEART TO SERVE

What comes BEFORE this passage?

Vs 39: A HEART ENGAGED

Prov. 4:23 "Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life."

Vs 40: A HEART DISTRACTED

Phoebe: Rom 16:1-2

Priscilla: Rom 16:3

Lydia: Acts 16:14-15

Peter's Mother-in-Law: Luke 4:39

To be distracted:

Numbers 11:11-14

Mark 4:35-40

By making these statements:

- 1) Martha obviously is obviously not shepherding her own heart as she accuses Jesus of being insensitive.
- 2) Martha is concerned that she is left alone serving.
- 3) Martha is wrong in her judgment of Mary.
- 4) Martha demands that Jesus speak to Mary in order to get Mary to help her.
- 5) Martha was bitter over Mary's choice.



Vs 41 & 42: A HEART SET RIGHT

Prov. 27:6 "Faithful are the wounds of a friend."

Vs 42: A HEART THAT FEASTS

Ps. 73:26

Ps. 142:5

Ps. 119:57

"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*

