

THE HARVEST: Don't Just Do Something, Sit There

LUKE 10:38-42

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To Miss the Moment with the Word Is to Miss the Mission of Worship

1. Routinely Prioritize Your **Devotion** (38-39).
2. Ruthlessly Profane Your **Distractions** (40, 42).
3. Responsively Protect Your **Decisions** (41-42).

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Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. ³⁹And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching.

⁴⁰But 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."

⁴²But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴²but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

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APPLICATION QUESTIONS

These questions are for further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help your fight for life change. One of the best ways to grow in the body is discussing the answers to these questions in a small group. Find one here: www.centralchurch.com/groups

1. The topic of today's passage is about priorities. Have you considered what holds the top priority in your life? It may help to make a list of what you believe should be a top spiritual priority. If there are things on your list that are overshadowing your devotion to Christ, how can you take steps to focus on the "one thing" this passage calls for?
2. **Read Hebrews 12:1.** The author of Hebrews suggests that there are sins that "entangle" and other "hindrances" that may not necessarily be sins but still hinder your progress. In America, distractions are abundant, from cell phones to entertainment. The world has become skilled at offering other options to pull us from devotion to Jesus. Can you identify several hindrances in your life, and how can you be ruthless in putting them away?
3. When we are corrected, our typical response is combativeness and self-justification. We are proud creatures that often reject taking responsibility. However, let's look at the loving correction that Jesus offered Martha. He reaffirmed his love and redirected her to the "one thing" required: exclusive devotion to Jesus. If Jesus were correcting your pursuits, what "one thing" do you think he would ask you to change?

Quote for the Week. . .

by Don Carson

We don't drift into spiritual life; we do not drift into disciplined prayer. We do not grow in prayer unless we plan to pray. That means we must set aside time to do nothing but pray. What we actually do reflects our highest priorities. That means that we can proclaim our commitment to prayer until the cows come home, but unless we actually pray, our actions disown our words

D.A. Carson, *A Call to Spiritual Reformation*, Baker, 1992, p. 19.

