

Lesson 15: The Good Samaritan and the Feast of Dedication

Jesus the Guest of Martha and Mary (Luke 10:38-42)
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- Luke 10:38-42, "Now as they went on their way, he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. 39 And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at the Lord's feet, and heard his word. 40 But Martha was cumbered about much serving; and she came up to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister did leave me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me. 41 But the Lord answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art anxious and troubled about many things: 42 but one thing is needful: for Mary hath chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her." ASV

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Setting: Jesus sometimes went out of Jerusalem to spend time more privately at Bethany (Matthew 21:17; Mark 11:11; John 11:18ff).

Contrast of two sisters: (cf. John 12:2-3)

- **Martha –**
 - Received Jesus into her house. Luke 10:38
 - Martha was an exceptional woman who cared about service and hospitality in her home. "Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus" (John 11:5, 19-27; John 12:2-3)
 - Loved her brother. John 11:19
 - Believed in Jesus.
 - Believed in life after death. John 11:23-24
 - Willing to tell others. John 11:28

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- **Martha –** Luke 10:40, "But Martha was cumbered about much serving; and she came up to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister did leave me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me."
- "Cumbered." (distracted) Luke 10:40
- Compelled to advise the Lord. John 11:21, 27, 39; Luke 10:39-40

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- **Mary –** At the feet of Jesus. Luke 10:39
 - Mary anointed Jesus' feet and wiped them with her hair (John 11:2; 12:3).
 - Interestingly, "Mary of Bethany is seen three times in the Gospel record, and on each occasion, she is in the same place: at the feet of Jesus. She sat at His feet and listened to His word (Luke 10:39), fell at His feet and shared her woe (John 11:32), and came to His feet and poured out her worship (John 12:3)" (Bible Expository Commentary, 2, 213; R. W. Wall, 19-35).

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- Survey:
 - 40% of things we worry about never happen.
 - 30% of our worries are about the past.
 - 12% of our worries are about what others think of us.
 - 10% of our worries are about our health.
 - 8% of our worries are about real problems we are going to face.

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- Jesus is not forbidding our giving thought to obtaining the necessities of life or hospitality.
 - *We must provide for our own* (1 Timothy 5:8). *We should give some thought and care to the physical body.*
- There is nothing spiritually virtuous about a don't care attitude which turns in sloppy work.
- As a matter of fact, this attitude toward work is condemned. Proverbs 6:6-11
- Anxiety which distracts from service to God is sinful.

Anxiety (Matthew 6:25-34)

Do not worry about temporal things.
Matthew 6:25

- Contrary to nature. Matthew 6:26-30
- Contrary to godliness. Matthew 6:31-33
- Contrary to providence. Matthew 6:34; Isaiah 41:10; 35:4; Psalms 56:2-4; Revelation 1:17; Hebrews 13:5

Conquering Anxiety Matthew 6:25-34; Philippians 4:4-8

Develop an abiding faith in God.
Matthew 6:30

- Romans 4:3 Abraham believed God!
Genesis 22:1ff; Hebrews 11:17;
James 2:21ff
- Romans 8:31-32, 37-39
- Luke 8:22, *“Where is your faith?”* verse 25

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Learn contentment. Matthew 6:33

- Example:
 - *Paul in prison.* Philippians 4:11-13
 - *Leah ...* Genesis 29:30, *“and he loved also Rachel more than Leah”*
(cf. Genesis 29:31, 32, 33, 34-35; 30:20).

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Learn to communicate with God in prayer. Philippians 4:6

- Example:
 - *Hezekiah.* 2 Kings 18:13ff, 19ff, 19:14-19, 32 (cf. 1 Peter 5:6-7)
 - *Paul.* 2 Corinthians 12:7

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Learn to control your thoughts.
Philippians 4:8

- Example: *“True.”* Removes speculation. What if? cf. 2 Corinthians 10:3ff
- cf. 1 Corinthians 7:32-35, *“I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. 33 But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, 34 and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. 35 I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.”* (ESV)