

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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Setting:

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

Luke 10:41, *“But the Lord answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art anxious and troubled about many things”*

- 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

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**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

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)*

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Live Godly in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:9

- Hypocrisy will destroy you.

Isaiah 48:22, *“There is no peace, saith Jehovah, to the wicked.”*

Isaiah 57:20-21, *“But the wicked are like the troubled sea; for it cannot rest, and its waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.”*

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No Need To Worry.

John 14:1-3, *“Let not your heart be troubled: believe in God, believe also in me ... And if I go and prepare a place for you, I come again, and will receive you unto myself; that where I am, (there) ye may be also.”*

Ephesians 3:20, *“Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us”*

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- Luke 10:42, *“but one thing is needful: for Mary hath chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her.”*

- Jesus is forbidding our being overly concerned, full of care, troubled and upset with dread, so that: we do not have peace of mind; we are not able to rest; all joy is taken out of this life; we are blinded to our blessings and, therefore, fail to give thanks for them; our spiritual life is choked out and we are made useless in the Lord's service.

- “The worry which wears out the mind wears out the body along with it. Worry affects a man's judgment, lessens his powers of decision, and renders him progressively incapable of dealing with life. Let a man give his best to every situation – he cannot give more – and let him leave the rest to God” (The Gospel of Matthew, William Barclay, Volume 1, page 263).

Prayer Taught And Encouraged. (Luke 11:1-13)

- Luke 11:1, *“And it came to pass, as he was praying in a certain place, that when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, even as John also taught his disciples.”*
 - What is prayer?
 - Prayer is more than wishful thinking.
 - More than empty platitudes.
 - More than clichés.
 - It is the **“heart's desire** (praise, adoration, thanksgiving) **expressed to God.”**
- Romans 10:1; cf. Hebrews 4:16; 1 Peter 5:7

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Acknowledgments Seen In Prayer

- There is a God. cf. Hebrews 11:6
 - Man needs God. cf. John 15:5
 - God hears prayer. cf. James 4:8; 1 Peter 3:12
- Psalms 65:2, “O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.”**
- God answers prayer. Matthew 7:7-11
 - God cares for man. 1 Peter 5:7

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