

“What Do You Care About?”

Lesson Text: **Luke 10:38-42.**

I. The Two Sisters Contrasted.

– The Two Sisters Represent Two Different Interests/Priorities:

Mary- *“sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to his teaching.” (vs. 39 ESV).*

- The Posture Of Those Who Are Disciples Or Learners. (**Acts 22:3**).
- It Meant That Mary Was Listening Attentively To Jesus’ Instructions.
- She Had The Master Teacher There With Her And Took Full Advantage Of It.

Martha- *“was distracted with much serving.” (vs. 40 NKJB; ESV).*

- This Is Why Martha Wasn’t With Mary— Listening To Jesus.
- Martha Was Not Doing Anything Evil— But Showing Hospitality To Jesus.
- Hospitality Is Even A Duty Of God’s People- **Hebrews 13:2; 1 Peter 4:9.**
- But Even Hospitality Can Be A Distraction To More Important Matters.
- perispao— lit., “to draw around” (peri), “draw away, distract,” is used in the passive voice in the sense of being overoccupied about a thing, to be “cumbered,” Luke 10:40.

(Vine’s Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words (Vol. 2, p. 140).

II. Martha’s Complaint Against Her Sister.

– **vs. 40 NKJB.** “But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, “Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me.”

- Martha’s Anger/indignation Is Revealed In Her Question To Jesus.
- She Speaks As Someone Greatly Angered By The Lack Of Help By Her Sister.
- Martha Was Ruffled; Her Emotions Got The Better Of Her Judgment.
- She Should Have Commended Her Sister For Her Attentiveness To Jesus’ Words.

III. Jesus’ Answer To Martha.

– **vs. 41-42 (NKJB).** “And Jesus answered and said to her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her.”

- **Worried**— signifies “to be anxious about, to have a distracting care,” (Vine’s Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words (Vol. 2, p. 89).
- **Troubled**— “to trouble, disturb,” (Thayer).
- Martha Was Overly Anxious To Serve Jesus That She Didn’t Benefit From Being With Him.

IV. Lessons We Can Learn From Mary & Martha.

– **A Lesson On The Priorities Of A Christian Today- Matthew 6:25-33.**

– **We Should Choose What Will Last Over The Temporary Things Of Life.**

- **2 Peter 3:10-12; Matthew 13:44-46.**
- Hobbies, Sports, Recreation, Entertainment, Television, Movies, Education....
- Churches Are Opting To Cancel Bible Studies For Christmas Day & New Year’s Day.

– **Be More Ready To Hear Jesus As A Priority! Be Like Mary!**

- **John 12:48-50.**