

THE ASHLAND
CHURCH OF CHRIST IN 2009

“Note Those Who So Walk”

Philippians 3:17

2Thessalonians 3:14

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Martha – What’s Really Important

Text: Luke 10:38-42

Key Text: *Luke 10:41-42, “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.’”*

Introduction:

- 1) Our culture: Food: Hot, fresh, and now.
- 2) Our concern: Can we be spiritual in this culture?
- 3) Our conflict: We want to please God and try not to hurt man.
- 4) Our criterion: The word of God is our standard.

I. The people: Jesus, Martha, and Mary.

A. Jesus, traveling toward Jerusalem and stops in Bethany (John 11:1).

B. Martha:

1. She is concerned about her guests.
2. Most of us could probably best relate to Martha.

C. Mary:

1. Not:
 - a. Mary, the mother of Jesus (Matthew 1:16).
 - b. Mary Magdalene (Mark 16:1).

- c. Mary, the mother of James and John, the wife of Clopas (Mark 15:40; John 19:25).
- d. Mary, the mother of John Mark (Acts 12:12; Romans 16:6).
- 2. This woman wanted to learn at Jesus’ feet.

II. The predicament: Martha verses Jesus and Mary.

- A. There is time to and place to be a good hostess:
 - 1. Hebrews 13:2.
 - 2. Matthew 25:31-46.
 - 3. Paul speaks of his host Gaius in a favorable way (Romans 16:23).
- B. How do we know the right time and the wrong time?
- C. God’s commands come with a priority:
 - 1. The good Samaritan of Luke 10:25-37.
 - 2. Jesus’ lesson in Luke 14:1-6.
 - 3. Jesus’ teaching in Luke 13:10-17.

III. The purpose: What Jesus was teaching then and there and is teaching here and now.

- A. Mary’s attitude was dependence on Jesus.
- B. Never forget the purpose of our gatherings.
- C. Some practical applications:
 - 1. Do not leave the worship of God to prepare food.
 - 2. Do not count money while we should be worshipping God.

Conclusion:

- 1) “But...” discussed, at least a few of them!
 - a) “But, this is how we have always done it!”
 - b) “But, I just never thought of it this way!”
 - c) “But, we always thought we were being kind and helpful.”
 - d) “I see what the word says, but I just don’t agree.”
- 2) If my heart and God’s word need to be aligned, what has to change? (Jeremiah 10:23).