

## Conclusion

# **A Portrait Detailing the Danger of Distraction from the One Priority**

Luke 10:38-42

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Introduction:

The Background

Background of Mary & Martha

## **I. The Context 38-39**

## **II. The Complaint 40**

*The warning is this, "Don't be so distracted and concerned about doing good that you neglect what is the most important..to sit at the feet of Jesus and hear the Word of God.*

- Distraction-
- Self-Pity-
- Resentment-

### **III. The Counsel 41-42**

#### Some Summary Observations about Martha

- (1) Martha is the central person in our text, not Mary. Mary is the hero, she is the model, but she is not the dominant personality of our passage.
- (2) Martha was not jealous that Mary was spending time with Jesus, but angry that Mary was not helping her.
- (3) Martha does not see any problem with herself, but she blames those who are innocent of wrongdoing.
- (4) Martha's service was not wrong, but her attitude in that service.
- (5) Martha's frustration, anger, and temper tantrum may not be excusable, but it is at least understandable.
- (6) Martha's words reflect not only an anger, but a lack of reverence and a lack of submission.

#### Some summary observations about Martha.

- (1) Jesus did not respond to Martha's anger in anger.
- (2) Jesus found Martha's charges wrong on every count, and at the same time found Martha to be the one in the wrong.
- (3) Jesus' response was evidence of His refusal to superimpose some kind of stereotypical "woman's role" model on Mary and Martha alike.
- (4) Jesus dealt more with the attitudes of these women than He did their actions.
- (5) Jesus exposed a problem with Martha's priorities.
- (6) Jesus exposed a problem of responsibilities.