

The Proper Focus of Service (Luke 10:38-42)

I. Different Ways of Serving Christ (38-39)

A. Martha Hosted Jesus at her home (38)

1. Busy, Everything perfect, Work

B. Mary stayed at Jesus' Feet Listening (39)

1. Learn, Listen, Understand, Relational

II. Distractions that Lead Away from Christ (40-41)

A. Martha is distracted by wrong attitude (40)

1. Distracted with much serving
2. Became resentful and self-pitying
 - a. Mary won't help
 - b. Tell her to help me

B. Martha's distraction led to sinful worry (41)

1. "anxious...troubled about many things"
2. Everything had to be right
3. Can't miss any details

III. Determining the Best Portion of Service (42)

A. Christ himself is the good portion

1. "One thing is Necessary" – Christ
 - a. Martha probably thought many things were necessary
 - b. Martha's service was good, yet missing something
2. Mary chose the best Part
 - a. Mary had joy in Christ
 - b. Mary wanted Him

The Disciple should have traits of both Mary and Martha. He should serve without ever taking his eye off the true treasure of relationship with Christ.