



"And this is the commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also." 1 John 4: 21

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## Heart to Heart...

It amazes me sometimes how lacking people in Christ are spiritually. Amazing may not be the word. It's more like sad how little some people desire spiritual growth. While speaking at a place, a lady got up and walked out. Afterward, she came to me and said she apologized for leaving but someone had to get downstairs to prepare for the lunch we were going to have together. She proceeded to use Martha in Luke 10:41-42 as her example. Here is what she said, *"There are a lot of Mary's who sit at the feet of Jesus listening to His every word but there could be no Mary's without us Martha's!"* I was surprised at her brazen and bold attitude, not bothered one bit about what she said. It revealed every thing about her spiritual condition and she was not even aware. Her lack of spiritual insight and growth has gone on so long, she could not recognize it, which is what led her to such bold statements.

Jesus said Mary chose the good part, which will never be taken away from her. What did Martha choose? It wasn't the good part and she was distracted by the worldly cares in her heart. Jesus said it is the worries and cares of the world that choke out the working of God and our lives become unfruitful (Matthew 13:22). Since when is preparing a meal more important than sitting at the feet of Jesus? Have we become so stale that we do not even realize what is driving our lives?

Too many are not choosing the good and taking on the distractions of the world. Our lives begin to fill with worries and pleasures and it chokes out Christ. Look at our families. Many are so busy with activities and things, they run all the time. This practice, this rehearsal and the real spiritual values are ignored. Eternity is set aside for our temporal well being. We become distracted with the ways of the world and you can hear it in the way we talk and what our lives wrap around. Our families and lives find little time to sit at the feet of Jesus while all our energies are expended toward other things.

Being active isn't wrong, unless it distracts one from what is the most important. We seem to ignore the fact that the devil is *"prowling around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour."* (I Peter 5:8) People say they aren't taken in by the devil. Maybe we need to see if we have been devoured spiritually. What are you spending your efforts toward? What excites you the most? Where does most of your time and money go toward? In answering those questions, we will find the reality of our spiritual well being. Think about it!!!

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