

Church of Christ

... Heart to Heart ...

One of the greatest lessons taught was Jesus' encounter with Mary and Martha at their home (Luke 10). Mary was seated at the feet of Jesus, listening to His word. Martha was distracted with other things. The Lord responded, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things; but only one thing is necessary, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her." (Luke 10:41-42)

There are so many things that distract us from the "*good part, which can never be taken away from us.*" We get busy with things and activities, while the "*good part*" is left to the side. Our lives begin filling with worries, things that are bothersome and slowly we choke the life of Christ out. Just look at our families. Busy with activities, sports and all sorts of events. They run from here to there daily; weekends are spent for activities, piling up more and more in our minds and hearts. What are left unattended are spiritual matters, the eternal matters. We become distracted with the world's ways and we suffer spiritually for it. Just look how little influence is placed on "*sitting at the feet of Jesus*" while all energies and efforts are expended toward distractions that won't save one in the end.

It has great impact on the spiritual well being of our children. They get into high school and have little interest in Bible study or the things of God. Dedication is given to the activities and parents begin wondering why their children have little interest in the things of God. As they leave home for college, their desire for the Lord wanes even more, and they fall completely away from the Lord. Their souls are in jeopardy of eternal condemnation, but once again, the active lifestyle has blocked that part from our minds. Marriage comes and they start their families, but further away from God. And where will they lead their children?

When was the last time you cultivated spiritual things in your home, in your own personal life? How many of us are teaching/training our children that the Lord, His church and spiritual progress are the most important things in life?

Being active isn't wrong, unless it distracts us from what is the most important. John said it this way, "Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in Him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. The world is passing away and also its lust; but the one who does the will of God lives forever." (I John 2:15-17) You love what you put your efforts toward. One path leads to death, one leads to life. Take a step back and ask yourself, "What do you put your time and efforts toward?" Remember, you're leading your children and your home, toward or away from the Lord! Think about it!!!