

Mary and Martha

Sometimes we may not see it in our lives, but are we rushing around too much doing things and serving people and forgetting the better things of life like praise, worship, meditating the word of God and fellowship with others. Who do you see yourself in? Be honest as you read the following passages, about who you are and who you should be. Martha is the person running around, Mary is the person spending time in the presence of the Lord.

Luke 10:38-42 *Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village; and a woman named Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was **distracted** with much serving; and she went to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are **anxious and troubled** about many things; **one thing is needful**. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her."*

The above will show you that Martha accepted Jesus, just like you and me so basically she would have been saved if here today, but she was "distracted". She then became anxious and troubled with many things, why? Because maybe she had not spent enough time in the presence of the Lord. **Joh 11:1** Tells us that Mary was the one who anointed Jesus therefore Jesus met Martha and Lazarus through that instance of hope found in Mary's life. Mary must have been a troubled person but now she sits at the feet of Jesus and has not a care in the world.

Joh 11:17-22 If you read this passage you will see that again martha is not spending time in the Lord but running around again while Mary sits quietly in the house doing what? Most likely worshipping the Lord with hymns or psalms, who knows but look at the difference of the effect of each person meeting with Jesus in the next paragraphs. **Joh 11:28-33** Even though Mary said the same words as Martha concerning her brothers death, still Jesus saw a different person in Mary as to Martha because Jesus wept with her and all the others, maybe he knew what Mary had been doing, maybe she had been spending time with the Father, I believe so. Martha got Mary saying the Lord wants you, and then Lazarus is raised from the dead why didn't Jesus do it when Martha spoke the same words?

Joh 12:1 Again Jesus comes to their house but still Martha serves and Mary and Lazarus are sitting at the table with Jesus, and Mary again anoints Jesus with ointment and oil. Why was the Apostle John so specific about Mary and Martha and Lazarus, I believe because there are 2 types of Christians, ones that serve and rush around too much and find themselves in troubles that they don't know how to answer, then their are those like Mary and Lazarus who spend time in the presence of the Lord and the peace of God is on their lives, certainly on lazarus' life anyway and Mary's.

Yes there are people in the body of Christ who are called to serve, Jesus said the greatest of you all will be the servant the most, so that means all of us are called to serve, but we have to discern when we have to serve and when we have to spend time in the presence of God, we must have a balance otherwise we become like Martha upset, uptight, and jealous and too busy to listen to what the Lord may want to say to us. This has happened to me, counting tithes and offerings instead of listening to the service at church, I dried up, again I had not a choice until I took a firm stand and said "no more" we are not slaves to our peers, we are equal and their are plenty more in the body of Christ, don't burn yourself out! Spend as much time with the Lord as possible!