

## Living for What is Important Luke 10:38-42

**If I forget what is important:**

Ñ **I become distracted in my life.**

*“But Martha was distracted with all her preparations...” (Luke 10:40)*

- **I feel unappreciated and am performance driven for approval.**

*“Martha came up to Him and said, ‘Lord, do you not care...’ (Luke 10:40)*

- **I am worried and bothered about life.**

*“...Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things.” (Luke 10:41)*

**We must return to what Jesus says is important.**

*But the Lord answered...“only one thing is necessary, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her.” (Luke 10:42)*

**Like Mary, we need to choose the “good part,” seated at the feet of Jesus and His Word. (Jeremiah 9:23-24)**

## **Questions for Discussion and Further Reflection**

1. In what circumstances of your life are you more like Martha? Like Mary?
2. What tends to distract you (the “little things” of life) from spending more quality time with Jesus?
3. How is your relationship with your own wisdom, power, and wealth? Do you tend to compare and/or compete yourself to others?
4. Do you tend to live a performance-based life where it’s all about you?
5. What one thing can you do this week to better know God and pursue love, righteousness and justice?

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that my sister has left me to  
do all the serving alone? Then  
tell her to help me.'"

Luke 10:40

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*"But the Lord answered and said to her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things...'"*

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**Jeremiah 9:23-24**

*"Thus says the LORD, 'Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not the mighty man boast of his might, let not a rich man boast of his riches; but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD who exercises lovingkindness, justice and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things,' declares the LORD."*

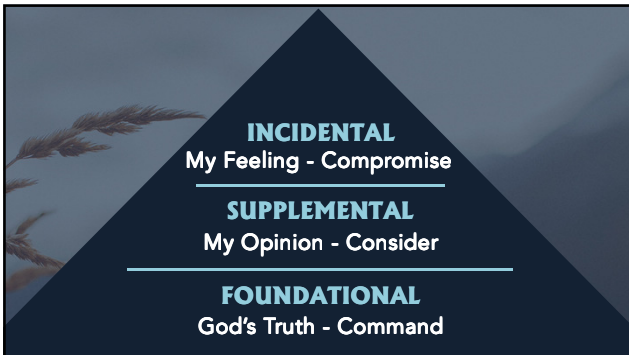
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**INCIDENTAL**  
My Degrees, Job, Home, Car

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**SUPPLEMENTAL**  
My Intellect, Power, Wealth

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**FOUNDATIONAL**  
God's Truth – Know Him, Loving, Just, Righteous

**Mary has chosen the good part.**  
 "Now as they were traveling along, He entered a village; and a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her home. She had a sister called **Mary**, who was seated at the Lord's feet, listening to His word."  
 Luke 10:38-39

**INCIDENTAL**  
My feeling – Ceremony, Location, Ages

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**SUPPLEMENTAL**  
My opinion – How I express Love to Many Kinds of Marriages

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**FOUNDATIONAL**  
God's Truth – Marriage: One Man, One Woman

**2 Corinthians 11:3**  
*"But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived (planao) Eve by his craftiness, your minds will be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ."*

**INCIDENTAL**  
My feeling – Things, Furniture, Car, Motorcycle, Pets

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**SUPPLEMENTAL**  
My opinion – Communication, Stewardship, Time, Date, Kindness

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**FOUNDATIONAL**  
God's Truth – Marriage, All Relationships: Love, Respect, Like Jesus