

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

LUKE CHAPTER 10:38-42

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WHAT'S GOT YOU BUSY?

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THE SON OF GOD, AND THE SON OF MAN*

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there is no doubt, we are a busy people.
the ancient Greeks use to say that the wealth and affluence
of a culture could be measured by its amount of leisure time.

the wealthier a people, the more time off they enjoyed.

In Our America Today
the average American takes less vacation time per year
than any other citizen of the industrialized world!

John 10:10

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly.

what is this abundant life, this overflowing life that Jesus spoke of?
and **how does** the thief (Satan) steal?

What's Got You Busy?

Luke 10:38-42

Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. :39 And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. :40 But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." :41 And Jesus answered

and said to her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. :42 But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her.”

WHAT’S GOT YOU BUSY?

1.) Is it the things of this world? v.38-39

1a.) Like what’s “normal” v.38a

Now it happened as they went that He entered a **certain** village;
and a **certain** woman...

a certain village “Bethany” – “the house of dates” **It was a Favorite Place for Jesus when Near Jerusalem.**

“and a **certain** woman named Martha” The situation is geared to be around this Martha. whatever is going on in this Martha’s life, we are to be very aware of.

Martha, her name means lady of the house, or the lady. This places Martha as the older of the two women. Her parents, in naming her perhaps saw things that pointed to what her name should be.

This Martha and Mary has a brother that would become a very famous man

John 11:1

Now a certain *man* was sick, Lazarus of Bethany,
the town of Mary and her sister Martha.

But Jesus Has “Certain” Appointments

Christian, the fact is, Jesus desires to meet with us should be the norm?

What’s Normal to the World is not What’s Right to God

1 John 2:15-16

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. :16 For all that *is* in the world— (1) the lust of the flesh, (2) the lust of the eyes, and (3) the pride of life; is not of the Father but is of the world.

busyness
does it feed my lusts of (1) pleasure, (2) comfort (3) pride
is this thing for my pleasure, my comfort, my ego?

fruitfulness
does it bring glory to God (1) does it please Him (2) does it comfort others (3) does it
humble me?

The Human / Hamsters Wheel...

he cannot be happy in that wheel

The Christian has Settled for
a Strange Normal, an Abnormal Normal

Like The Frog in The Pot Normal...

This is Normal to God;

Acts 4:31

And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness. = Normal

Acts 6:6

Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had **prayed**, they laid their hands on them. :7 And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied = Normal

Acts 13:2

As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."
:3 Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them,
they sent *them* away. = Normal

Acts 16:22

Then the multitude rose up together against them; and the magistrates tore off their clothes and commanded *them* to be beaten with rods. = Normal

WHAT'S GOT YOU BUSY? IS IT THE THINGS OF THIS WORLD?

1b.) Like what's "important"

v.38b

named Martha **welcomed** Him into her house.

welcomed 5264. u|pode÷comai hupodechomai, *hoop-od-ekh'-om-ahee*; to bring under the roof. to cover or blanket a visitor.

Martha's Observations

Martha, being observant saw Jesus coming in, perhaps tired from serving and ministering, "he needs a hot meal" she might have thought.
with that her domestic instincts took over!

Instantly

Martha Put The Ministry Ahead of The Minister
Jesus was More Important than the Serving.

But Wait – we love our Martha's

Romans 12:13

distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.

1 Peter 4:10

As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another,
as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

The Clanging of Pots and Pans

can hear her, can you see her

I Grew Up with a Martha – My Mom and My Sister.
they could cook like you can't believe

and they we're happy unless you were eating

"Mom – I feel as though my life is coming to an end... eat something!"

Martha Was The Nurturing Type

prepare the house, off to the market, bake the bread, with flour across her face, apron well worn - she was on it!

little did she know that she was about to find out that there are some things more important than a big meal.

The World That We Live In Has No Idea What's Important

but the world has got such a grip on the church,
it's the world that dictates of the church what "important is"

This is What's Important form the World's View:
you need more books on marriage... ~~love your wife~~
you need to get rich... ~~tithe to God~~

WHAT'S GOT YOU BUSY? IS IT THE THINGS OF THIS WORLD?

1c.) Like what's "practical"

v.39

And she had a sister called Mary,
who also **sat** at Jesus' feet and **heard** His word.

sat – *to be near the feet of another*

heard 191. ajkou/w akouo, ak-oo'-o; a
to direct all audience to, to give ear, attention. focus

"This is a Waste of Time" Practical says...

Mary is doing What Praying is for the Christian
God is Listening when we Pray

In a Sense She is "Abiding" "Dwelling"

John 15:5

“I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who **abides** in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

Listen to His Invitation

John 14:12-14

“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater *works* than these he will do, because I go to My Father. **:13** And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. **:14** If you ask anything in My name, I will do *it*.”

You Cannot Say That You Believe That if You’re a Martha – Only Mary’s

John 16:23-24

Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. **:24** Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

So Attractive was Prayer That
the disciples told Jesus, “we wanna do that too”

Luke 11:1

Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, *that* one of His disciples said to Him, “Lord, teach us to pray”,

WHAT’S GOT YOU BUSY?

2.) Is it the things of your life? v.40

But Martha was **distracted** with much serving, and she approached Him and said,
“Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone?
Therefore tell her to help me.”

2a.) Things that pull you away? v.40a

But Martha was **distracted** with much serving...

Type-A Martha

was beginning to boil. because she’s not gotten the whole words of Jesus, just some of the words, she’s in and out of the kitchen and reaches the point of taking full charge.

Martha is accusing Jesus of being part of the problem,
Jesus, my sister is being a flake and you're not helping matters.
tell her now to come and help me.

we who serve can feel like this.
our ministry is the most important ministry. why doesn't everyone become ushers, I'm
an usher, we need ushers, what's wrong with people?

Attention all Soccer Moms // Golf Pro's // Surfers and
Workaholics

**there is a war taking place for your affections. the World wants
you and the Lord wants you.**

distracted 4049. *perispaizw perispao, per-ee-spah'-o;*

to be pulled on, to be dragged away from a desire. to be ripped away from the
dock like a boat.

those things can only pull us away from Jesus
when we allow it to be so – when we take our eyes off Him.

This is Surgery

the temptation to defend those things that arise in your heart and mind,
are those things that are a problem...

But God I **Need**... But God I **Want**... But God He **Has**...

Genesis 15:1

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be
afraid, Abram. I *am* your shield, your exceedingly great reward."

- - and Abraham said to God, is that all?

Is Your Relationship with Jesus Christ More Valuable Than...?

Sleep, Food, Home, Country?

Joshua 24:15

And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom
you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side
of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and
my house, we will serve the LORD."

Psalm 46:10

Be still, and know that I *am* God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth! :11 The LORD of hosts *is* with us; The God of Jacob *is* our refuge.

**WHAT'S GOT YOU BUSY?
IS IT THE THINGS OF YOUR LIFE?**

2b.) Things that are not right?

v.40b

...and she **approached** Him and **said**, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone?"

We can see more of Martha's Make Up Here

approached 2186. *ejfi÷sthmi ephistemi, ef-is´-tay-mee;*

to stand over or upon someone, to assault someone, to come upon someone in a towering manner. to look at or to loom over.

her emotions have brought her to the place of snapping. so she snaps!

Without the Word

we get snappy, we get grumpy, we get ugly, we get sinful

Proverbs 29:18

Where there is **no vision**, the people perish:
but he that keeps My word, happy is he.

Colossians 3:15-16a

And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. :16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly

2c.) Things that frustrate? V.40c

...(Therefore) **tell** her to help me.

tell 2036. εἶπω εἶπο, ἐπ’-ο;

in the definite past tense, the others being borrowed from 2046, 4483, and 5346); to speak or say a call or command, instruction, a directive.

she is rebuking Jesus
this “Therefore” is an **Assertion**

“You’re Not Helping Matters Jesus”

Can You Imagine Telling God
Excuse Me, But You’re Not Helping Matters

Philippians 4:6-7

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; :7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

WHAT’S GOT YOU BUSY?

3.) Is it the things that matter? v.41-42

3a.) The heart of the Lord matters most v.41

And Jesus answered and said to her, “Martha, Martha,

there is a lot of attitude here.

we get the English word “Chide” or to Chide from this Greek word.
Jesus is Saying “Easy Martha, Whoa Martha, Slow Down There Martha.”

“Martha, Martha, Jack, Jack, Bob, Bob....”

who do you know? (my child)
how do you know them? (well)
How did that happen? (time)

Psalm 63:1-4

O God, You *are* my God; Early will I seek You; My soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You In a dry and thirsty land Where there is no water. :2 So I have looked for You in the sanctuary, To see Your power and Your glory. :3 Because Your lovingkindness is better than life, My lips shall praise You. :4 Thus I will bless You while I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name.

Mark 1:35-37

Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed. :36 And Simon and those *who were* with Him searched for Him. :37 When they found Him, they said to Him, “Everyone is looking for You.”

IS IT THE THINGS THAT MATTER?

3b.) The plan of the Lord matters most

v.41

...you are **worried** and **troubled** about many things.

Class, I have a Question;
We were created by God to _____

Matthew 6:25-26

“Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? :26 Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?”

my backyard is full of birds.
and not once have I seen a bird back there with an ulcer.

we think we're doing something important by worrying about things.
in reality, we've abandoned God in the midst of the issue!

we were not created to be worrying
we were not created to be troubled

“yeap, I made ya – but looks like yer gonna have ta take it from here.”

1. identifying those things that **worry** us
2. confronting those things that **trouble** us
3. recognizing what's really important
4. keeping those things where they belong

take inventory of your life.

are you busy about the right things – things that please God?

Matthew 6:19-21

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; :20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. :21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

IS IT THE THINGS THAT MATTER?

3c.) The Word of the Lord matters most v.42

But **one** thing is **needed**, and Mary has **chosen** that good part, which will not be taken away from her.”

what if the American Christian prayed 10 minutes a day?
really prayed, for real

as it is, what if God did answer one of our sleepy little prayers today, would we even know it – if we stumble through our prayers and if He desires to answer one of them in our busy day – would we even notice?

Again - Mary is a Picture of What Prayer is to God.

she is before His face, she is humbled in His presence, she is hearing directly.

Jesus is Clearly Referring to the Need we Have to Hear the Word, but there is no real and effective prayer apart from the word of God.

When We Pray, Pray Bible!

John 15:7-8

If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. :8 By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

That Will Keep Us From Becoming “Busy”

Revelation 2:1-5

“To the angel of the church of Ephesus write, ‘These things says He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands:
:2 “I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars; :3 and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name’s sake and have not become weary. :4 Nevertheless I have *this* against you, that you have left your first love :5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works,

I read this week of young mother and father who had a little girl born to them, after the delivery the mother grew weaker and tragically died. the father raised the little girl. they would spend all their time together until one evening she said dad, I have to go to my room I have something to do....

It’s Time To Ask The Question

What’s In It For Me?

This is What’s In It for You

CONSIDER THIS;

Pastor, Give Me Something Usable?

I Need to Make This Challenge for Me, for You.
beginning tomorrow morning, will some of you join me at 4:00 am
to just simply read the scriptures.?

Will others join me at 5:00 am to just simply read the scriptures.?

and then final call, will some of you join me at 6:00 am
to just simply read the scriptures.?

The “Better” Here is The Centrality of Knowing God.
do you know the Bible? that’s what’s Better.

End of Study