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“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...

One of the greatest lessons taught by Jesus was when He encountered Mary and Martha at their home (Luke 10:38-42). Mary was seated at the feet of Jesus, listening to His word. Martha had other things going on and was distracted. Her distraction led her to telling the Lord that He was uncaring for not making Mary to help. Imagine asking Jesus, “*Do you not care?*” Jesus spoke: “*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) Mary “chose” the good part. Martha did not as she chose other things over the Lord and His word. The results of both are set. One is settled feeding at the feet of Jesus which will not be taken away while the other is bothered, worried and distracted and the Lord can’t penetrate the heart any longer. Spiritual progress is lost.

How many things distract us? We are busy with activities while the “*good part*” is left to the side. Slowly we drift as things begin to enter our heart. The life of Christ slowly gets choked out. Once we were thrilled, striving and wanting and now so many bothersome things take over and the thrill and desire is not what it once was. Pleasures take the place of the Lord. Weekends are spent for more and more things to distract. Our spiritual heart is left unattended and the drifting slowly begins. The sitting at the feet of Jesus is not a priority as it once was.

When was the last time you took inventory of your spiritual life? How important are the things of the Lord to you? The church is Christ’s body and He counts us as precious. How do you see Christ’s body? Paul warned the church that difficulties would come for the church because people will be “*lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy. Unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power.*” (II Timothy 3:2-5) Sitting at the feet of Jesus, choosing to listen to His word brings power and advancement into one’s life. When we become distracted life becomes difficult and it seems to be an up-hill battle in everything we do. Christ’s body loses its beauty as you slowly drift away.

Where do you choose to place your efforts? What do you spend your time with? We need to be reminded and be honest in our own hearts to see if sitting at the feet of Jesus is our top priority. Only then will His desires become our desires and we will not have anything taken from us. Think about it!!!

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