

“Martha, Martha”

Luke 10:38-42

Introduction:

- A. Jesus often a guest in Martha’s home at Bethany. (cf. Jno. 11:1-46; 12:1-9).
 - 1. He should be welcomed into every home.
 - 2. We should imitate the hospitality of this home.
- B. Jesus taught Martha two important principles that we all need to learn.

Discussion:

I. Spiritual Things More Important than Physical Things. (vv. 39, 42 cf. Jn. 6:27; 1 Tim. 4:8)

- A. The word of Jesus could help Martha and us *now*.
 - 1. By it one is saved from sin. (Jas. 1:21; 1 Cor. 1:21).
 - 2. By it one is made free indeed. (John 8:31-36).
 - 3. By it one can grow spiritually. (1 Pet. 2:2).
 - 4. By it one is guided in religion and life. (2 Tim. 3:16-17).
- B. The word of Jesus could help Martha and us *in eternity*.
 - 1. By it one is judged. (John 12:48; cf. Rev. 20:12-13).
 - 2. By it one endures forever. (v. 42; 1 Pet. 1:23-25).
- C. The word of Jesus would only help Martha and us if we do it. (Jas. 1:22-25).

II. We must not “Major in Minors.” (vs. 40-42).

- A. World at large “Major In Minors.”
 - 1. More about material things than spiritual.
 - 2. More concerned about life here than hereafter.
- B. Christians in general often “Major In Minors.”
 - 1. More concerned with civic projects than giving gospel to neighbors.
 - 2. More concerned with present home than future home.
- C. Christian parents often “Major In Minors.”
 - 1. Worry more about physical health than spiritual health.
 - 2. Worry more about present happiness than eternal happiness.
 - 3. Worry more about school attendance and work than Bible class attendance and work.
 - 4. Worry more about social life than spiritual life.
 - 5. Worry more about “skill training” than “character training”.
 - 6. Worry more about providing “things” than giving “themselves” to children.
- D. Preachers often “Major In Minors.” (cf. Acts 6:2)
 - 1. More interested in “public relations” than preparing and presenting lessons.
 - 2. More interested in community programs than real evangelism.
 - 3. More interested in own popularity and ease than saving souls and correcting sin.
- E. Entire churches often “Major In Minors.”
 - 1. Become social, recreational and entertainment providers and centers.
 - 2. Become more concerned about material assets and creature comforts than their real mission.

Conclusion:

- A. Martha like hired hand sent out to grease wagon.
 - 1. Often manifest in our praise and appraisal of people.
 - 2. Often manifest in our criticisms.
- B. Won’t you choose the “one thing needful” today?