



“CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL MINISTRY: DOING WHO I AM WITH UNDERSTANDING”

Of Issachar, those who had understanding of the times, to
know what Israel ought to do... 1 Chronicles 12:32

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TEXT: LUKE 10:38-42

TITLE: DEALING WITH DISTRACTIONS: LISTEN TO JESUS

INTRODUCTION

- A. Distractions – Divert your attention away from the more important thing _____
- B. The devil uses distractions – To divert our attention away from God [the more important thing] to something else [less important] _____
- C. Distracted = To draw away _____
- D. Today, although Jesus is in the house – speaking... _____

MARTHA’S RESPONSE

- A. Jesus was in the house – speaking _____
- B. Martha was distracted with much serving _____
 - 1. Jesus was in the house – Martha was preparing a big dinner
 - 2. Jesus was in the house – Martha had many things to do
- C. Lest we be too hard on Martha _____
- D. Martha’s comments to Jesus _____
 - 1. “Do You not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself?”
 - 2. “Tell her then to help me”
- E. Sometimes, we can be distracted with serving Jesus... _____
 - 1. Jesus is in the house – We are distracted by rituals
 - 2. Jesus is in the house – We are distracted by traditions
 - 3. We are so busy serving Jesus, that we are not listening to Jesus
 - a. Do we really know what Jesus is saying?
 - b. Do we really understand what Jesus wants done and how Jesus wants it done?
 - c. Do we really know who Jesus wants included and excluded with it?

MARY’S RESPONSE

- A. Jesus was in the house – speaking _____
 - 1. Mary sat at Jesus’ feet
 - 2. Mary listened to Jesus’ words
 - 3. Listen = Attend to; consider what is or had been said; to understand
 - 4. Listening to Jesus is active, not passive
- B. To what degree am I sitting at Jesus’ feet – listening? _____
- C. To what degree am I meditating on Jesus’ words? (Meditating = Listening for Jesus to speak) _____

JESUS’ RESPONSE

- A. To Martha: _____
 - 1. “You are worried and troubled about many things, But one thing is needed”
 - 2. “Mary chose the better part, which will not be taken away from her.”
- B. To us: How am I using my time, every day, to sit at Jesus’ feet and listen to Him speak? _____