

One Thing is Needed
Luke 10:38-42

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Teach us to care and not to care.

~ T.S. Elliot

You must be born again.

~ Jesus (John 3:7)

His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature...

~ Peter (2 Peter 1:3-4)

I stopped a war by drinking a cup of green tea.

~ Zen Buddhist philosophy

Now this is eternal life: that they may *know* you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. *~ Jesus (John 17: 3)*

Eternal life is not marked by doing but knowing

Ninety percent of life is just showing up.

~ Woody Allen

I just look at him and he looks at me.

~ Definition of Prayer

**Martha – model of holy work
Mary – model of holy devotion
The two fit together – they are sisters.**

This is not a criticism of Martha’s wonderful gift of hospitality and service.

Martha has put second things first.

When you put second things first, you miss the first things and mess up the second things.

If you put first things first, you get the first things and also get the second things.

Part of the problem is the spirit in which Martha is doing the work.

Martha is driven by compulsion – she was distracted by all the preparations that *had* to be made.

I am not called to be successful but to be faithful.

~ Mother Teresa

We need a conversion: face to face with God and face to face with one another

Being a good listener is better than being a good speaker.

Speak, for your servant is listening.

~ *Samuel*

May it be to me as you have said.

~ *Mary, The Mother of Jesus*

Why don’t we spend more face-time with God?

a. We’re insane

b. Satan is terrified by that quiet place and will do anything he can to prevent us from getting there.

<p>I will do one thing today: Love God (face him, attend to him, listen to him, sit at his feet, worship him)</p>

Things to Think About:

***Focus vs Distraction* – intentionally focus on Jesus (like Mary) rather than get distracted (like Martha)**

***Criticism vs Contentment* – worry less about what others are doing (Martha) and more about aligning your life with Christ (Mary)**

***Compulsion vs. Choice* – realize you have a choice and keep choosing the better way**
