

MARTHA WORKS



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Luke 10:38-42

Now as they were traveling along, He entered a village; and a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her home. She had a sister called Mary, who was seated at the Lord's feet, listening to His word. But Martha was distracted with all her preparations; and she came up to Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to do all the serving alone? Then tell her to help me." But the Lord answered and said to her, "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."



I really feel for people who HAVE to work. I mean, they want to sit at Jesus' feet and listen to His word and worship, but the confines of necessity have them against their will, against the proverbial wall. That being said, the argument that Martha was doing all the 'work' and Mary was 'doing nothing' is bogus. Mary was, in fact, 'learning' from Jesus, 'listening' to the Lord, 'receiving' for future ministry, and 'being' in the presence of God. Jesus Himself says that Mary has 'chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her.' People will try to take this freedom away. They will try to make you feel guilty for a 'season' of personal, and intimate discipleship with the Lord Himself. Jesus did not 'force' Mary to help Martha, even though HE knew Martha needed help. If Jesus doesn't force Mary, does He force you? Is there no way to stop, and be still at His feet for you? Are you allowing others to 'take away the good part' from you? Will you work yourself into a literal grave in the name of necessity, "if I don't do it, it will never get done.."

The 'Mary' Prayer

Don't worry, I haven't fallen off my rocker, it's just something that came to me. It goes like this:

"I speak, 'Peace, be still' to you in the midst of the storm of business, burden, ministry, concern, and bothersome things. I ask God (Himself) to clothe you in the Lord Jesus Christ, that you would 'sink into' Him as you would a garment that envelops you completely even from the inside out. I ask Jesus to **TAKE your burdens** that are leading you to exhaustion, and in return give you **REST** that leads directly to the feet of Jesus. In His presence you are released from the judgments and opinions of others and what you 'should' be doing with your time. You are **FREE** to choose the 'good part,' the intimacy with Jesus and not answer the phone or look at your email or facebook:) You are, by necessity, to sit at HIS feet and listen to **HIS WORD**, not someone else's word about His word, but to be quiet and hear His personal word to you for this day. I ask Creator God to pour into you a good measure of creativity: art, music, dance, writing, ideas, and solutions. And finally, you are formally charged to do that **ONE THING** that is necessary, that is to receive from the Lord Jesus Christ all HIS strength, wisdom, joy, peace, and everything that is needful for you to **BE His vessel**, ambassador, and minister of reconciliation for this day. You are free to soak and bathe in His glorious presence for as long as it takes to hear His words. Cease from your labors and receive times of refreshing in the Holy Spirit sufficient to wash away all your cares, worries, and burdens, and to carry you to high places where you already dwell in spirit."

Come to Me all you who labor (to the point of exhaustion) and are heavy laden, and I will give you REST.

Jesus, I come and I receive ALL that you have for me, revive me Lord for the sake of Your Name.

In Jesus Name I ask this, Amen.