

Taking It Home

My main priority is to make time for _____ to _____ into my life.

But He answered and said, “It is written, ‘MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.’” Matthew 4:4 (NAS)

*But Jesus Himself would often slip away to the wilderness and pray.
Luke 5:16 (NAS)*

Though a mighty army surrounds me, my heart will not be afraid. Even if I am attacked, I will remain confident.⁴ The one thing I ask of the LORD—the thing I seek most—is to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, delighting in the LORD’s perfections and meditating in his Temple.⁵ For he will conceal me there when troubles come; he will hide me in his sanctuary. He will place me out of reach on a high rock. Psalm 27:3-5 (NLT)

I need to _____ my heart from _____.

Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth. ²Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before Him with joyful singing. ³Know that the LORD Himself is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Psalm 100:1-3 (NAS)

*Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.
Proverbs 4:23 (NIV)*

Ask God to develop in me a _____ like Mary, and _____ like Martha.

Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹Cheerfully share your home with those who need a meal or a place to stay. ¹⁰God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. ¹¹Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen.

I Peter 4:8-11 (NLT)



*But the Lord answered and said to her, “**Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things; ⁴²but only one thing is necessary, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her.**”
Luke 10:41-42 (NAS)*

Martha Has A _____ Heart.

*Now as they were traveling along, He entered a village; and a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her home.
Luke 10:38 (NAS)*

*Martha therefore, when she heard that Jesus was coming, went to meet Him, but Mary stayed at the house. ²¹Martha then said to Jesus, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²Even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You.” ²³Jesus *said to her, “**Your brother will rise again.**” ²⁴Martha *said to Him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” ²⁵Jesus said to her, “**I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?**” ²⁷She *said to Him, “Yes, Lord; I have believed that You are the Christ, the Son of God, even He who comes into the world.”
John 11:21-27 (NAS)*

*Jesus, therefore, six days before the Passover, came to Bethany where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. ²So they made Him a supper there, and Martha was serving; but Lazarus was one of those reclining at the table with Him.
John 12:1-2 (NAS)*

Martha Develops A _____ Heart.

She had a sister called Mary, who was seated at the Lord's feet, listening to His word. ⁴⁰But 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." Luke 10:29-40 (NAS)

- Martha's "service" became a source of _____.

God called the light day, and the darkness He called night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day. Genesis 1:5 (NAS)

And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. Genesis 3:8 (NAS)

- Martha's frustration turned into _____.
- Martha's _____ upon herself soon became _____ upon others.

But they kept silent, for on the way they had discussed with one another which of them was the greatest. ³⁵Sitting down, He called the twelve and *said to them, "If anyone wants to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all." Mark 9:34-35 (NLT)

"But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else. ⁴⁵For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:43-45 (NLT)

Martha Needed A _____ Heart.

But the Lord answered and said to her, "**Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things; ⁴²but only one thing is necessary, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her.**" Luke 10:41-42 (NAS)

- Mary _____ to _____.

Jesus, therefore, six days before the Passover, came to Bethany where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. ²So they made Him a supper there, and Martha was serving; but Lazarus was one of those reclining at the table with Him. ³Mary then took a pound of very costly perfume of pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. John 12:1-3 (NAS)

"The vanities of life have taken from me the time to contemplate God." (Michelangelo)

TAKE TIME TO BE HOLY

1. Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord; Abide in Him always, and feed on His Word. Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak, Forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.
2. Take time to be holy, the world rushes on; Spend much time in secret, with Jesus alone. By looking to Jesus, like Him thou shalt be; Thy friends in thy conduct His likeness shall see.
3. Take time to be holy, let Him be thy Guide; And run not before Him, whatever betide. In joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord, And, looking to Jesus, still trust in His Word.
4. Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul, Each thought and each motive beneath His control. Thus led by His Spirit to fountains of love, Thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.

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