

**First Things First:**  
**Pt. 1: The Right Priority**  
**Luke 10:38-42**

**Introduction:**

- A. What do you consider to be your top priority each day? Many people make lists with their top priorities for each day. What would be on your list?
- B. Sometimes our priorities can get mixed up or out of place without us any realizing it.

**A Tale of Two Sisters**

- A. What we know about Martha (v. 38)
  - 1. She had a compassionate and giving heart. She welcomed Jesus into her home (Rom. 12:13, I Pet. 4:9-10).
  - 2. She had a courageous heart (Jn. 12:1-2). Associating with Jesus was dangerous (Jn. 7:25, 32).
- B. What we know about Mary (v. 39)
  - 1. She had a deep love for Jesus. Mary is seen 3x's in the Gospels and every time she is at the feet of Jesus (Lk. 10:39; Jn. 11:32, 12:3).
  - 2. She had a deep love for His Word. It was highly unusual for a woman to sit at the feet of a Rabbi.
- C. Both of these women have qualities to be admired and imitated.

**There Are Good Things and Then There Are Better Things**

- A. What Martha was doing in serving was a good thing. Serving is important (Matt. 20:26-28; 23:11).
- B. Jesus tenderly rebuked Martha because of her distraction (v. 41-42).
- C. Although Martha's service to the Lord was good, she had misplaced priorities – there was something better she could have been doing.

**Making Jesus A Priority**

- A. Worshipping Jesus on Sundays is good, but living for Jesus every day is better.
- B. We may do a lot of good things, but if Jesus is not our priority it doesn't matter (Mt. 22:37-38).
- C. Jesus cannot be second even to good things (Matt. 6:33; Lk. 14:25-27, 33; Rev. 2:1-4).

**Conclusion:**

- A. Maybe instead of just doing what is considered good we can go above and beyond and do what would be considered better.
- B. As good as worshipping Jesus is on Sundays, it is better to live our lives for Him every day. Jesus wants to be your top priority.