

# **WHEN DISTRACTIONS TAKE OVER.... ONE THING IS NEEDFUL**



***"Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things;  
one thing is needful."***

***Luke 10***

Before you jump to Martha's defense, understand that Jesus is not just talking to Martha.

He's talking to you!

He's talking to me!

He's talking to anyone who is seeking the Kingdom of God.

**Half our life is spent dealing with distractions.**

Interruptions.

Thoughtless things that people do... to complicate our days.

Folks who talk but never listen.

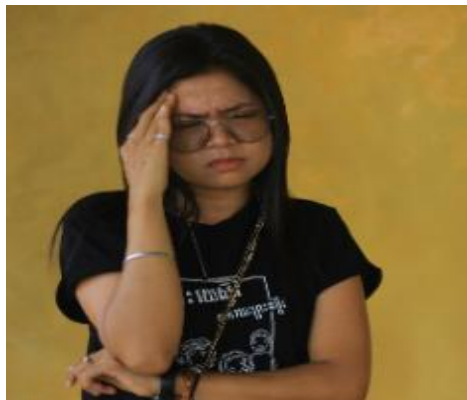
It's a wonder we get anything done!

**No wonder we are "anxious and troubled about many things"!**

Yet Jesus gives us no sympathy.

**Because all this stuff that ties us in knots has nothing to do with "the one thing needful".**

**Once the "one thing needful" is no longer our focus, distractions take over.**



### **The one thing needful.**

The one thing needful is Words from the mouth of Jesus.

If his Word is alive in us, we can handle anything.

If his Word is alive in us, we are already in the kingdom of God.

If his Word is alive in us, we can plow through those distractions without losing our focus.

***“This is my beloved Son in whom I am well-pleased.  
Listen to him!”***

### **Martha’s problem and ours.**

We become so swamped in “Christian Service”... that we never get around to listening to the voice of the Master!

We become so saturated in Christian doctrine... that the voice of the Lord Jesus is no longer heard.

Our Christian ministries, and Christian programs, and Christian enterprises, and Christian values are nothing but distractions.... if the voice of the Lord Jesus is lost in all the Christian confusion.

***“Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things;  
one thing is needful.”***

**Lord Jesus, give us ears to hear your rebuke until we focus daily on the “one thing needful”.**



*Prayer: Yes Lord, give us ears to hear your rebuke. We are anxious and troubled about many things. We do tend to allow our Christian service and our Christian values to tie us in such knots that we forget you. Help us to come back to you daily, to quiet ourselves, and listen to you. And yes, may your Word come so alive in us that distractions have no power to take over our thoughts and lives. Oh Lord, keep us seeking and desiring the one needful thing, bringing your presence, your guidance, your words, your goodness, your redemptive power.... into our hearts and every sphere of our lives. Amen.*

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