

TURNING THE TABLES, PART 5
HOSPITALITY AT MARY & MARTHA'S HOUSE
Luke 10:38-42

Busyness in the King's business is no reason to neglect the King.

DON'T JUST SIT THERE, DO SOMETHING!

Like Martha, know that you are not faulted for your service, but for sometimes overdoing it.

Thank God for the Marthas of this world; they get important things done!

But must we always be driven by the motto, "If something's worth doing, it's worth doing well"?

The issue here is not a contemplative life vs. an active life, but a balanced life with Jesus at the center.

Good service with a bad spirit is bad service; nobody wants it—especially your own soul.

Being busy is not the same as being blessed; if something's worth doing, it may be worth doing simply.

Some of the burdens we put on ourselves may not come from Jesus, but from our own twisted motives.

We tend to become suspicious of God when we're living for our own glory and things don't go our way.

"You are over-extended when good works are done with a bad attitude." (Haddon Robinson)

DON'T JUST DO SOMETHING, SIT THERE!

Like Mary, prioritize Jesus' words in your life, and allow him to serve you before you serve others.

Thank God for the Marys of this world; they meditate deeply on the Word of God!

It is shocking that Mary, as a woman, takes the posture of a disciple; she is hungry for Jesus' words.

Unlike other rabbis, Jesus allowed women to be his followers (Acts 9:36; Matt 12:48-50; Luke 8:1-3).

The choice before us is not always "good vs. bad" but "good vs. best" (cf. Phil 1:10).

Soaking in the teachings of Jesus allows him to do something in us before we do something for him.

Only a neighbor-love that grows out of a love for Jesus has lasting power and can avoid burnout.

There is nothing better than time spent with Jesus; only out of such encounters can the world be changed.

Jesus does not call us to himself to make us his slaves but to make us his friends.

DON'T JUST SERVE JESUS, LOVE HIM FIRST!

Regard Jesus as the main course of your life, not just the dessert.

Jesus wants his people to put first things first; cultivating our relationship with him is paramount.

Jesus will not allow people to use his authority to help them diminish or manipulate other people.

Jesus would rather have us "be with him" than "do for him"; only then will we know what to do for him.

Jesus subtly reveals the gospel in this brief story; we are not saved by our doing, not even our good doing.

Jesus subtly reveals his own deity in this brief story; he, like his Father, is our portion forever.