



THE ONE NECESSARY THING (Luke 10.38-42)

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Luke 10.38-42

³⁸Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. ³⁹And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴²but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

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Outline

1. Destructive Attitudes
2. Distracted Priorities
3. Decisive Choices

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Luke 12.22-31

And he said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest?"

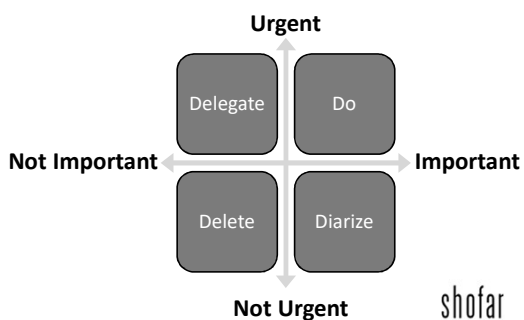
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Luke 12.22-31

Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

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Urgent vs. Important



At the feet of...

Luke 8.35: Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid.

Acts 22.3: "I am a Jew, born in Tarsus in Cilicia, but brought up in this city, educated at the feet of Gamaliel according to the strict manner of the law of our fathers..."

m. 'Abot 1.4: "Let your house be a meeting house for the Sages and sit amidst the dust of their feet and drink in their words with thirst."

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Serving

Acts 17.25: ...nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything.

Mark 10.45: For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

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Portion

Ps 16.5: The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

Ps 73.26: My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Ps 119.57: The LORD is my portion; I promise to keep your words.

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Chosen

Luke 9.35: And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!"

Luke 23.35: And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!"

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