**Choosing the Good Part**

*Luke 10:38-42*

**Introduction**

* We often talk about being distracted by worldly things. However, we can also be distracted by good things. We can’t let anything be prioritized above pleasing God, and growing spiritually.
  + Family – 1 Timothy 5:8
  + Work – Colossians 3:22-4:1
* Like Mary, we must be able to have the presence of mind to choose that good part.
  + Serving is commendable – Romans 12:9, 13; Hebrews 13:2
  + However the Son of God was with them (He wouldn’t always be) – John 12:3-8 (Mary anointing Jesus)

1. Are we distracted?

* Luke 14:15-24, 25-27, 33 (We must see the importance of spiritual things over the physical – work, family, etc.)
* Luke 8:14; 21:24-36 – Cares of the world can be our downfall if we aren’t careful.
* 1 Timothy 6:6-10; Philippians 4:10-13 – Worrying about money can lead us to fall short. It can mix our priorities up.
* Matthew 6:25-34 – Don’t worry about these trivial things. Instead seek the spiritual things 🡪

1. Are we disciplined like Mary?

* She chose the words of Christ!
  + John 8:31-32 – The truth can set us free.
  + John 17:17 – His word is truth.
  + Christ’s words give us eternal life. By them we obtain salvation. What could possibly be more important? Nothing.
* 1 Timothy 4:8-11 – Godliness is the priority. We should be more focused on the life which is to come than the present life – *“for to this end we both labor and suffer reproach.”*
  + V. 12-16 – Take time with God’s word.
  + 2 Timothy 3:16-17 – (Place emphasis on what God’s word is for toward the man.)
* Philippians 4:8-9 – We are to constantly fill our minds with these things. We do this so God is with us.

**Conclusion**

* There are many things that can distract us from spiritual things.
* We must set our priorities straight.
* The edification, exhortation, instruction, etc. that we get from God’s word is more important than anything else.
  + We have a meeting coming up at the beginning of November. The date has been set. Will you choose the good part?