

Best or Better?

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What is the best choice?

1. The best choice is to remain _____.

Luke 10:38-40a

a. Choose being _____ over _____.

2. The best choice is to avoid _____.

Luke 10:40b-41a

a. Choose giving _____ over receiving

_____.

Take Home Truth

_____ Christ is better than _____

Christ.

Today's Core Practice:

Worship: I worship God for who He is
and what He has done for me.

(from Psalm 95:1-7)



Deeper Connection Study

Serving in ministry is laudable and those who serve take pleasure in doing work for the Lord. Yet there is a subtle temptation to develop such a narrow focus that we miss who and why we are serving.

Today's Core Practice discussed: **Worship**

Read Luke 10:38-42

1. How would you describe Martha and Mary? How do they each relate to Jesus?
2. What is Martha's complaint (v. 40)? How is her question to Jesus quite accusatory?
3. How does Jesus respond (vv. 41-42)? What is Jesus' perspective of the situation?
4. "Martha was distracted with much serving" (v. 40a). How does she carry a burden of ministry? How does this affect her relationships? How can you relate to this?
5. How have you been so distracted with doing something *for* Jesus without spending time *with* Jesus? How could this lead to burnout in ministry?
6. How can you balance savoring and serving Jesus? How are you growing in your relationship with Jesus? How are you joyfully serving Jesus?

PRAYER TO THE POINT: Praise God for the privilege of serving in Jesus' name. Pray for a heart that yearns for Jesus while joyfully serving in ministry. Ask God to help you balance relationships and tasks. Pray for God to be glorified in your ministry.



There is a Proverb that reads, "There is a way that seems right to man, but in the end it leads to death," (Prov. 14:12). The essence of the statement is that there are times when each of us believes that our perspective is correct. Logically, rationally and reasonably all of the facts and data line up. However, there is one major flaw, our perspectives are corrupt. Apart from Christ an individual cannot accurately assess situations because of their physical limitations. Put another way, without Christ's help a person cannot take into account the spiritual dimensions that contribute to individual settings.

This will be witnessed in today's narrative: a woman named Martha is doing the "correct" thing by being hospitable to her guest and preparing a meal for their enjoyment. However, when she complains to Jesus that her sister Mary is not doing the "correct" thing and helping her in the kitchen, she receives a shocking response from Jesus.

How about you, are you certain your priorities are "correct," that is, that Christ approves of them? Or are your priorities unwittingly corrupt?

