

Oak Hill Ladies Day
May 21, 2016
Lesson 1 – Serving Like Martha

Luke 10:38-42

A Full House - verse 38 - “Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha _____ Him into her house.”

Serving in His Kingdom - Ephesians 4:16 - “the _____, joined and knit together by what _____ joint supplies according to the effective working by which _____ does its share,” Every part has a purpose, a necessary job to do, and when we are all doing our part it “causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love”

Women in His Service - 1 Cor. 12:4-6 - “There are _____ of gifts, but the same Spirit. **5** There are differences of ministries, but the _____ Lord. **6** And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all.”

Let's look at some of the examples.

- **Studying**- Mary (sister of Martha and Lazarus) - Desire for God's Word – Luke 10:39,42
- **Giving** - Widow with 2 Mites – Generous – Luke 21:2-4
- **Hospitality** – Martha – Unselfish Desire to Meet the Needs of Others – John 12:1-2
- **Hospitality** - Shunammite Woman - 2 Kings 4:8-13
- **Serving Others** - Peter's Mother-in-law – Serving Others – Luke 4:38-39
- **Evangelizing** - Samaritan Woman at Well – Unafraid to tell others of Jesus – John 4:1-42 (vs. 28, 39)
- **Teaching** – Priscilla – Bringing Someone to Understand - Acts 18:24-28
- **Administration** – Deborah – Keeping It Organized! - Judges 4:4-14
- **Spiritual Mothering** - Titus 2:1-5

Being Martha - Colossians 3:23-24 - “And _____ you do, do it heartily, as to the _____ and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.”

Don't get lost in the busyness, but get into the real business of loving our neighbor as ourselves and showing them the Light of the Lord.

Can we do that in our lives? Can we see a need and seek to fill it? Can we...

- Pray on behalf of others?
- Spend the afternoon sitting with an elderly neighbor or member of our church family giving them company?

- Send food to the home of a new mother, or a family grieving a loved one?
- Send a card of encouragement?
- Give financially to a mission work?
- Teach a newly married woman how to cook?
- I think of dear Sweet Lucille and think, teach a young girl how to make her first quilt?
- See an opportunity and not think “that’s someone else’s responsibility” or worse yet, “that is beneath me, I should have to do that” Remember even Jesus our Lord put on a servant’s towel and washed those sweaty, dusty feet of His disciples, even the one whom He knew was going to betray Him.

How can you serve? _____

Danger Zone - How do we know if we are falling into the Martha trap of distraction?

First - Resentment

Second – Feeling Empty & Dry

Third – Negativity

Martha was focusing on Serving her Lord, while Mary was focused on her Lord. Both are good, but one is better. We must be careful not to let our service in itself become our focus.