



Expectations Study Verse: Luke 10:38-42

Luke 10:38-42 *As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me ", "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many thing", but few things are needed—or indeed only one Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."*

My Thoughts: *Jesus and the disciples have been busy. At the beginning of chapter 10 it tells us that The Lord had appointed 72 to go ahead of Him two by two into every town on his schedule to minister to the people. (I imagine), to tell them He is coming. Jesus taught and prepared the 72 as to what to expect and how to respond. One day he is invited to the house of Martha and Mary (sisters to Lazarus).*

(I imagine) Martha is rushing around preparing to make everything perfect, she is so proud to serve the Lord and give him refuge while her sister Mary sits to hear what the Lord has to share, ignoring the preparations that are important to Martha. This frustrates Martha, she feels that Mary is being lazy and disrespectful, because Martha's expectations are not the same as Mary's.

*Are you a Martha? Or a Mary? You love the Lord, you are serving and ministering, man you are busy getting stuff completed, as each task is checked off, you are seeing that others around you are not doing as much as you and you begin to fill judgements and frustration building. (Pause) **Red Flag** moment. WHY?*

Hey Martha!, you are expecting everyone to be you. Have you asked for help? Have you discussed your plans and expectations?

Your expectations and ideas of importance most likely are not equal to another until YOU communicate and come into an agreement to work together to accomplish the task. Every idea requires a step by step plan. 1. Inspiration 2. How Big? 3. How to? 4. Location 5. Help? 6. How many? Etc. You see my point. The example of Jesus in the beginning of chapter 10, He communicated and trained His chosen of what he expected and how to complete what was expected. Martha assumed Mary knew what was required and that Mary would not require instruction of the EXPECTATIONS of Martha. Just because it may be a simple everyday occurrence, doesn't "stamp" it important to everyone around you. Help or Assistance is a request with explanation and plan to a successful goal. It is unfair to be frustrated that no one is following you, if you have not shared your plan and asked for help. Mary was interested in a new plan. I'm sure she would have helped Martha afterward with great urgency. The end result would have been the same, Jesus would have been served and rested, and Martha and Mary would have been blessed without frustration and hurt feelings.

I pray you find encouragement and wisdom in what I have learned as a "Martha" and have learned that I would rather be a "Mary" so that I can work like a "Martha" with a joyful attitude of love. Prioritize the most important things (1. Jesus) so the (2.) details of the task are easier to complete. (3.) Be a blessing with a humble heart.

*Until next time, May God bless, heal, protect and grow in you daily.
Everyone say, AMEN*