

- I. Martha had many admirable qualities
  - A. She was a giving person
  - B. She was a courageous person
  - C. She was a servant
- II. Mary had a commendable character
  - A. She loved Jesus greatly
  - B. She wanted to be close to Jesus
  - C. She intently listened to Jesus

“The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.” (John 6:63)

- III. Martha had some things to work on
  - A. She was distracted from being with Jesus

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.” (Matthew 11:28-29)

- B. She had a bad attitude towards her sister
- C. She was frustrated with Jesus
- D. She put her value in what she did

“However, don’t rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.” (Luke 10:20)

- E. She tried to tell Jesus what to do
- F. She was harboring worry

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:6-7)

- IV. Jesus’ response to Martha
  - A. Jesus reaches out in love to Martha
  - B. Jesus offers Martha an intimate relationship

“Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ who you have sent.” (John 17:3)

C. Jesus affirms that spending time with him must be top priority

1. We spend time with Jesus through listening to his Word

“I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.” (Psalm 119:11)

“Your word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.” (Psalm 119:89)

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.” (Psalm 119:105)

“Your statutes are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart.” (Psalm 119:111)

2. We spend time with Jesus through praying

“Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.” (Mark 1:35)

3. We spend time with Jesus through worship