

Teach Us To Pray

Message 1: The One Thing Needed

I. A Principle Of Success:

A. If you want to be successful in life...learn from those who are achieving success.

B. The Master of Successful Prayer: _____

1. Luke 11:1
2. Jesus: Mark 1:35-42; Disciples: Matthew 17:14-21

II. The Priority _____ Prayer: Luke 10:38-42

A. Background:

1. Mary takes a seat _____.
2. Martha focuses on everything that needed to be done *just right* for her special guest.
3. This story has significance in understanding the *first principle* of developing a successful prayer life.

B. Lessons from Martha:

1. Martha was _____ with much service. She was more focused on the *tyranny of the _____* than the _____ *of the moment*.
2. Martha was _____ of those she thought were wasting time! Verse 40b

Note: Martha was so focused on the *tyranny of the urgent* that she was actually placing herself in a position of blocking others from addressing the *priority of the moment!*

3. Martha was _____ of her misguided focus:
 - a. Jesus gently rebukes Martha.
 - b. Jesus points out that she had become trapped in the destructive cycle of worry and trouble.

C. Lessons from Mary:

1. Mary _____ herself so that she was able to clearly focus on Jesus, removing all distractions, and _____ to His Word!
2. Listening to the Lord is not merely a subjective exercise. It is a _____ and _____ surrender of our body, soul, and spirit – to the **Word of God!** As we grow in our prayer life it will *always lead us deeper into the Word!* John 5:19, 30; John 16:12-15; Hebrews 3:7-8; I Corinthians 13:8-9; 14:29; I John 4:1-1; 1:14; Hebrews 4:12; Hebrews 4:7, 14-16

D. **The One Thing Needed!**

1. The *one thing needed* is to _____ God's Voice!
2. Prayer and worship are the means by which we are ushered into the presence of God, are seated at His feet, and are able to hear His voice.
3. True prayer and worship are always rooted and grounded in the Word of God: John 4:24; John 15:1a, 4, 7-8
4. The continual unveiling of the truth of His Word in our lives is the *one thing needed! This portion can never be taken away!* Isaiah 40:8; Matthew 24:35; John 12:48