

Saved to Be Served So We Will Serve – Part 5

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Saved to Be Served

³⁸ Now as they were traveling along, He entered a village; and a woman named *Martha* welcomed Him into her home. ³⁹ She had a sister called *Mary*, who was seated at the Lord's feet, listening to His word.

We are saved to be served by God so that we will serve God and others.

- Martha is serving instead of being served by Jesus.
- Mary is being served by Jesus so that she will serve to the glory of God.

One Thing

⁴¹ But the Lord answered and said to her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things; ⁴² but *only one thing is necessary*, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her.”

What is the ‘one thing’ Jesus refers to here?

- One dish for the meal.
- Unity in the church.
- A life of contemplation.
- Listening to God's Word.

Read Your Bible!

How does this passage encourage to think about listening to God's Word in the practical terms of ‘reading your Bible’?

1. Read your Bible and believe that listening to God's Word is the only thing necessary.

³⁹ She had a sister called Mary, who was seated at the Lord's feet, *listening to His word*.

⁴² but *only one thing* is necessary

Joshua 1:8

2. Read your Bible and believe that God doesn't give you so much to do that you can't read your Bible.

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Colossians 3:16

3. Read your Bible and give it your full attention.

³⁹ She had a sister called Mary, *who was seated* at the Lord's feet, listening to His word.

Proverbs 16:20

4. Read your Bible and submit your thoughts and plans to it.

³⁹ She had a sister called Mary, who was seated *at the Lord's feet*, listening to His word.

Psalms 1:1-3; Romans 12:1-2

5. Read your Bible and believe that is what God wants you to do above all else.

⁴⁰ But Martha was *distracted* with all her preparations;

⁴¹ But the Lord answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are *worried and bothered about so many things*;

John 21:22

6. Read your Bible and believe that it is the pursuit of your happiness to do so.

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⁴² for Mary has chosen the *good part*

Psalms 27:4; Psalms 119:25, 37, 40, 50, 88, 93, 107, 149, 154, 156, 159; Psalm 19:7-11

7. Read your Bible and expect it to challenge what you have always believed and how you have always lived.

³⁹ She had a sister called Mary, who was seated at the Lord's feet, listening to *His word*.

Philippians 3:13-14; John 8:31-32; Isaiah 66:1-2

8. Read your Bible and get busy serving God and others.

³⁹ She had a sister called Mary, who was seated at the Lord's feet, *listening* to His word.

James 1:22; 1 John 2:3-6