

2012

HOW TO HAVE THE BEST NEW YEAR

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Luke 10:38-42

“38 Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house.

39 And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word.

40 But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me.

41 And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things:

42 But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.”

Introduction: _____

1. Be in the Right _____

- a. The _____

James 4:14

“14 Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.”

- b. The _____

Acts 22:3

“3 I am verily a man which am a Jew, born in Tarsus, a city in Cilicia, yet brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, and taught according to the perfect manner of the law of the fathers, and was zealous toward God, as ye all are this day.”

2. Listen to the Right _____

- a. _____



“In so saying, this holy woman sadly forgot who she was, and to whom she was speaking.”—J.C. Ryle

- b. _____

- c. _____

2 Timothy 3:12

“12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.”

Colossians 1:18

“18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.”

3.

Set the Right _____

a. The _____



Definition: *Cumbered*—this word means “draw around” or as we would say, she was all “wrapped up” in material things. It also means “to distract.” Martha was very distracted with material things—too distracted to give herself earnestly to communion with Christ.



Definition: *Careful*—this word means to be anxious, fretting, worried. This is the opposite of faith. Our fretting does not come from spending time with Christ but by giving too much time to the things of the world.



Definition: *Troubled*—this word means “to disturb... to be troubled in mind, disquieted.” “Troubled” simply adds another word of similar meaning to the problem of Martha. She had a bad case of becoming too busy in temporal matters.



“If we desire to grow in grace, and to enjoy soul-prosperity, we must beware of the cares of this world. Except we watch and pray, they will insensibly eat up our spirituality, and bring leanness on our souls. It is not open sin, or flagrant breaches of God’s commandments alone, which lead men to eternal ruin. It is far more frequently an excessive attention to things in themselves lawful, and being ‘cumbered about much serving’.” —**J.C. Ryle**

b. The _____

Mark 8:36

“36 For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?”



**As you make your goals for 2012, remember the acronym
S.M.A.R.T.:**

- Specific
- Measurable
- Action Oriented—not just philosophical
- Realistic
- Timely

Conclusion: _____



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