

THE ONE THING THAT REALLY MATTERS

Luke 10:41, 42 *Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things, But the ONE THING is needful and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.*

I. THE ONE THING IN LIFE THAT MATTERS IS WHAT MATTERS TO HIM

There are hundreds of THINGS a person must sort through daily.

The most needful is to find out what matters to JESUS. Matt. 5:33 *But seek ye first the kingdom of God*

The only PLACE to find out what matters is in HIS PRESENCE. In this text the thing that mattered was to be at His feet. For the disciples it was delivering bread as Jesus was feeding the 5000, for others it was the moving of the stone when He raised Lazarus. The thing that mattered to the women at the tomb, was preparing the spices for Jesus burial. Finding out what He is doing in your life today is what Matters Most to Him. If Jesus is serving, you serve. If He has set up the Position to be worshiped, as in Mary's case, you worship. It may just mean living life on a simple level or asking forgiveness and humbling yourself, teaching and training those children you have been entrusted with. You may be asked to be the caregiver of the sick, you may be asked to give your time and money for those in need or to support missions.

You may see the Lord standing, sitting, bowing, being a friend, teaching, serving, talking to the Father, sacrificing, but wherever and whatever He is doing is the POSITION that really matters at that time. The greatest THING THAT MATTERS is to Live life through the eyes of the PERSON of Jesus.

II. THE ONE THING THAT REALLY MATTERS IS A MATTER OF CHOICE: ...*Mary hath chosen...*

In living this life there are many things to choose from. That THING either is connected to Christ or disconnected from HIM. It is of more importance to attend to the instructions of the Lord Jesus than to be engaged in the affairs of the world.

III. IF WHAT SHOULD MATTER IN YOUR LIFE DOESN'T MATTER, THEN NOTHING ELSE MATTERS

William Carey, missionary to India in the late 1800's had this to say, "*I'm not afraid of failure, I'm afraid of succeeding at THINGS THAT DON'T MATTER.*" Count the cost and consider those who follow.

IV. THE THING THAT REALLY MATTERS WILL ALWAYS MATTER

The thing that really matters, can't be lost. It becomes eternal.

Matt. 6:20 *But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven...*

When others see what matters to you, then they will be able to see the importance of what matters in their lives. Lk. 10:42 *...Mary hath chosen the GOOD part, which shall not be taken away from her.*

V. IF THE THINGS THAT REALLY MATTER, DOES NOT MATTER TO YOU (WHEN IT MATTERS,) THEN IT WILL NEVER MATTER.

Regret is tough to live with/The opportunity is lost/You can't take back what you said/You can't turn the hands of the clock back/You have one shot at raising those children/You can't say I love you or tell them about Christ when they are gone/You can't go back today and do what should have been done yesterday/Only the things done for Christ will last.

VI. IF THE THINGS THAT MATTER TO HIM MATTERS TO YOU, ALL OF WHAT REALLY MATTERS WILL BE TAKEN CARE OF ...*and all these THINGS shall be added unto you.*

"ONE THING IS NEEDFUL"

"HAPPY NEW YEAR 2020"

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