

FOLLOWING TOGETHER
Part 1: THE ENEMY OF GREAT
September 22, 2019

“... in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.”
Romans 12:5 (NIV)

LEARNINGS FROM TWO SISTERS

“... Jesus traveled around Galilee. He wanted to stay out of Judea, where the Jewish leaders were plotting His death.”
John 7:1 (NLT)

“As Jesus and His disciples were on their way, He came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to Him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet listening to what He said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to Him and asked, “Lord, don’t you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!” “Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.”
Luke 10:38-42 (NIV)

1. **MARTHA WAS _____ BY A _____ TO _____**
_____ JESUS. MARY WAS _____ BY A _____
TO _____ JESUS. _____ ARE _____.

“Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.” Romans 12:13 (NIV)

“Here is a trustworthy saying: Whoever aspires to be an overseer desires a noble task. Now the overseer is to be above reproach, faithful to his wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach.”
I Timothy 3:1-2 (NIV)

“... man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.”
Deuteronomy 8:3 (NIV)

“... pray continually ...” I Thessalonians 5:17 (NIV)

2. **BEWARE VIEWING THESE MOTIVATIONS AS _____/_____**
PROPOSITIONS. THE DESIRE TO DO FOR AND BE WITH JESUS ARE _____/
_____ REALITIES OF BEING A FULLY FUNCTIONING FOLLOWER.

“Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”
John 11:21 (NIV)

“Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in Me will never die. Do you believe this?” “Yes, Lord,” she replied, “I believe that You are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.”
John 11:25-27 (NIV)

3. **INDICATIONS THAT THERE IS AN IMBALANCE BETWEEN MY DESIRE TO DO FOR AND BE WITH JESUS:**

"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset ..." Luke 10:41 (NIV)

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"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed ..."

Luke 10:41-42 (NIV)

"But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made." Luke 10:40 (NIV)

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"(Martha) came to Him and asked, "Lord, don't you care ..."

Luke 10:40 (NIV)

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"... My sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" Luke 10:40 (NIV)

- _____ OF _____: I FOCUS ON THE _____,
_____ OR _____ INSTEAD OF JESUS.

"... few things are needed – or indeed only one."

Luke 10:42 (NIV)

4. BEING WITH JESUS _____ FOR DOING FOR JESUS.

"... few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

Luke 10:42 (NIV)

5. BEING WITH JESUS IS THE ONE THING THAT _____ FROM ME.

"As the Scriptures say, People are like grass; their beauty is like a flower in the field. The grass withers and the flower fades. But the word of the Lord remains forever." And that word is the Good News that was preached to you."

I Peter 1:24-25 (NIV)

MY NEXT STEP THIS WEEK IS ...

- If I am not a Christian, discover what it means to be a follower of Jesus.
 - Check box on back of Communication Card.
- If I am a Christian, how am I balancing being with and doing for Jesus?
- To learn what it means to be a part of the GNG Family, I will attend CLASS 101.
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