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“The chief end and duty of man is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever”
— Westminster Shorter Catechism

Luke 10:38-42

Martha and Mary

[38] Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house.

[39] And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to his teaching.

[40] But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.”

[41] But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things,

[42] but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.”

6 D’s of the enemy

1. Deception - Martha thought that her work was more important than her worship.

V. 38 Martha, welcomed Jesus in but she didn’t take time sit at his feet.

She sought to feed before being fed

Our worship should fuel our work and our work should fuel our worship

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2. Distraction - V. 40

[40] But Martha was distracted with much serving

As a culture we have a tendency to,

Worship our work

Work at our play

Play at our worship

3. Doubt - V. 40b "Lord do you not CARE that I'm serving alone".

Does Jesus care? Is the wrong question.

If we are truly serving alone than Jesus isn't with us.

Jn. 15:5, "Apart from me you can do nothing".

4. Demand-ness - V. 40b "Lord tell her to help me"

We try to fill in the GAPS

A GAP is the distance between what is and what should be

Prayer is our part in filling in the GAPS

Can we say, "If Jesus is ok with a person, I'm ok with that person"?

(God took on all of the sins of believers on the cross and separated them as far as the east is from the west...)

5. Division - was beginning between Jesus and Martha and between Mary and Martha

All division equals weakness

6. Destruction - is the aim of the enemy

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1 Peter 5:8

[8] Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

Answer? Prayer

1 Peter 5:7

[7] casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

How? Scripture feed, Spirit lead, Worship based Prayer

1. Scripture fed, every phrase in the Lord's Prayer is a direct quote from the psalms

2. Spirit lead,

Romans 8:26

[26] Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.

3. Worship based,

Matthew 6:9

[9] Pray then like this:

“Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.

Matthew 6:5-13

The Lord's Prayer

[5] "And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. [6] But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

[7] "And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. [8] Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. [9] Pray then like this:

"Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
[10] Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
[11] Give us this day our daily bread,
[12] and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
[13] And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

There are Four movements in this prayer

1. Revelation V.9
2. Response V. 10
3. Request V. 11-12
4. Readiness V. 13