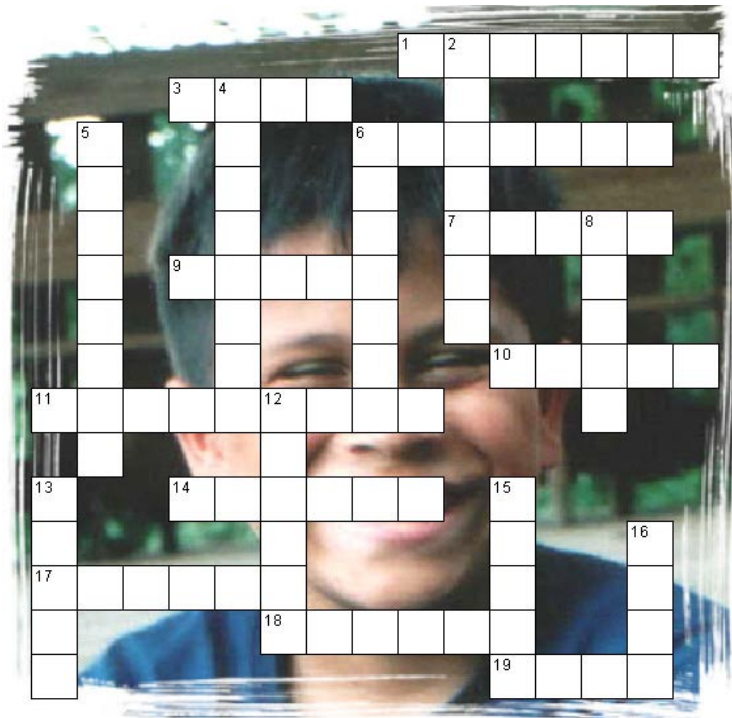


Crossword Puzzle

God's Calling in the New Testament - Lesson Nine -

In the Gospels – Martha



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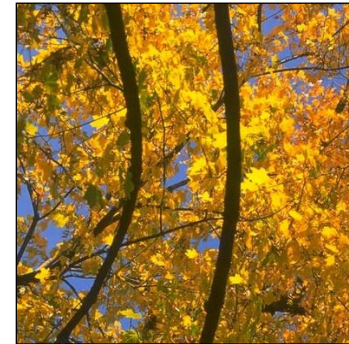
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| 1. Martha, Martha, you are _____. | 2. Martha thought Mary was doing _____. |
| 3. ...at Jesus feet listening to His _____. | 4. Martha continued to speak all her _____. |
| 6. The city Martha lived in. | 5. Martha, Martha, you are anxious and _____ about many things. |
| 7. We should not serve the Lord according to our own _____. | 6. Lazarus was Martha's _____. |
| 9. Martha thought she was _____. | 8. When Martha could no longer hold in her _____, she came to complain... |
| 10. Jesus was a _____ in their house. | 12. Mary was Martha's _____. |
| 11. The Lord told Martha that "one thing is _____." | 13. We all need to learn how to _____ the Lord. |
| 14. We should _____ to the Lord's word. | 15. Martha thought Mary was all _____. |
| 17. Martha began to _____ the Lord. | 16. Martha was a _____ worker. |
| 18. She began to _____ within herself. | |
| 19. She felt that she was doing everything _____ and right. | |

I. Overview.

As those who receive the Lord and His salvation, our first need is to listen to His word and to know His heart. After this we will be able to serve Him in a way that is proper and pleasing to Him.

In this lesson we will learn about another called one – another female disciple named Martha. Martha lived in Bethany with her sister Mary and brother Lazarus. This dear family was very close to the Lord Jesus and He cared for them very much.



Martha was very busy
serving the Lord.

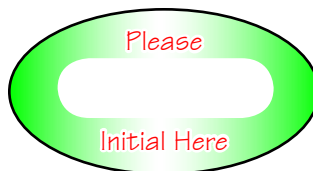
One day Martha received the Lord as a guest into their home. She was very busy preparing things for the Lord and His disciples. Martha was a person who liked to do things and she worked very hard. Martha needed to learn to serve the Lord in the way that pleases Him and not in her own natural way. To learn this, she needed to hear the Lord's speaking and learn His heart.

II. Memory Verse.

"...Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubles about many things. But there is the need of one thing, for Mary has chosen the good part..."

(Luke 10:41-42)

Parent's Initials:



III. Lesson.

Learning How to Serve the Lord

Martha was a hard worker. She tried very hard to please the Lord, but she worked according to her own natural way. She really had not learned how to serve the Lord according to His desire. When the Lord was a guest in their home, Martha was busy serving. Her sister, Mary, it seemed, was doing nothing at all. Actually, Mary was paying attention to their Guest. She was seated at the Lord's feet and was listening to His words.

Martha was actually distracted from the Lord by her attempts to serve Him. She began to reason within herself and think negative thoughts. She probably thought "Why doesn't Mary stop being so lazy and help me? Can't she see how much there is to do? Why do I have to do everything? Why doesn't Jesus send her to help me? Doesn't He care about me?" She was getting angry and irritated. She felt that she was doing everything good and right, and her sister, Mary, was all wrong. Even Jesus seemed to be wrong in Martha's eyes.

The Most Important Part



Mary had found the necessary part - to listen to the Lord.

When Martha could no longer hold in her anger, she came to complain to the Lord Jesus. She stood over the Lord and began to rebuke Him. She continued to speak all her opinions, telling the Lord that He did not care about her. She then told the Lord what to do. She told Him that He should tell Mary to rise up and help her. What a strong, opinionated person she was.

Though Martha loved the Lord, she did not know how to serve Him. The Lord told her that she should not be so anxious and troubled. He said that Mary had found the one thing that was necessary. What Mary had found was sitting at Jesus' feet and listening to His word.

By hearing the word of the Lord Jesus, we can all come to know Him and the things that are on His heart. Only then can we truly serve Him in the best way. We should not be like Martha, working hard to serve the Lord according to our own ideas. Rather, we should be like Mary, who listened carefully to the Lord's word and was able to serve Him in a way that was very pleasing to Him.

-- Questions for Discussion --

1. Who did Martha live with?

2. What was Martha doing when the Lord Jesus was in their home?

3. What was Mary doing while Martha was busy?"

4. How can we learn the best way to serve the Lord?

