

Monday, August 17

Scriptures to read:

Luke 10:38-42

John 11:1-2

John 11:43-44

Thoughts to consider:

Mary, Martha and Lazarus were brother and sisters, living together in the village of Bethany, a town near Jerusalem. Lazarus was the man Jesus raised from the dead. Mary anointed Jesus with costly perfume. This story deals with Martha.

Tuesday, August 18

Scriptures to read:

Luke 10:38-42

Hebrews 13:2

1 Peter 4:9

Thoughts to consider:

Hospitality should be practiced by Christians. Set a goal of inviting guests over for a meal or a time of fellowship sometime in the month of September.

Wednesday, August 19

Scriptures to read:

Luke 10:38-42

Thoughts to consider:

Mary had a desire to learn from Jesus. She was giving Him her complete attention. Have you shut out all distractions during this time spent reading these scriptures and devotion?

Thursday, August 20

Scriptures to read:

Luke 10:38-42

Thoughts to consider:

Martha was distracted. She had issued the invitation for Jesus to come. She wanted to provide a good meal, but her expectations for the meal were not shared by her sister, Mary. She was having to do it all by herself. Have you ever had to “carry the load”? How did that affect you? Did you have resentment towards those you thought should have done more? Did you indulge in self-pity? Did you play the martyr role?

Friday, August 21

Scriptures to read:

Luke 10:38-42

1 Peter 5:7

Philippians 4:6

Thoughts to consider:

“Lord, it’s not fair. Tell her to come help me.” Have you ever complained or whined to God in your prayers? We often think life isn’t fair, and God wants us to give Him all our concerns and requests. But we must have a thankful heart and be ready and willing to hear His response.

Saturday, August 22

Scriptures to read:

Luke 10:38-42

Thoughts to consider:

“Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her.” How often do we become focused on the wrong part? Spiritual needs are most important. Too many times we let physical interests distract us and take priority.

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