

## **A Better Dish**

Luke 10:42: *Mary hath chosen that good part.*

When Jesus made this statement to Martha, the sister of Mary, He was actually telling her that Mary had chosen *the better dish*. This must have been a very hard statement for Martha to accept. After all, she had been working the entire day to prepare an impressive meal for Jesus and His disciples. In fact, at the opening of this story we are told that Martha was “*cumbered*” or *weighed down* by the preparation of the food, drinks, and table settings. She must have wanted each table setting to be perfect, each drink glass to stay filled, and enough of her prize-winning dishes for Jesus and every disciple to be fully satisfied.

Not only was Mary weighed down with the preparation of the meal, she was also angry with her sister Mary. Instead of helping serve food, Mary was sitting at Jesus’ feet, listening to His every word. Finally, in total frustration Martha shouted at Jesus, “Don’t you care that Mary has left me alone to serve? Tell her to help me!” Jesus did not respond by telling Martha that her working and serving were wrong, but that she had become too worried and overtaken by her work. Mary had chosen the better dish, sitting and learning at Jesus’ feet.

We often get caught up in serving the Lord and working in the church, forgetting the best dish of all, learning God’s Word. It is through the Word that Jesus fellowships with us. True power for service comes through God’s promises and fellowship with Jesus. This is where our heart becomes truly committed to the Lord. We should serve the Lord out of a heart of commitment and love for Jesus.

This is what was missing in the heart of Martha. She thought by working she would find favor with the Lord. She worked hard to impress Jesus and the disciples. In contrast, Mary discovered the true way to the heart of God. Communion with Jesus was number one in her life. Paul’s prayer in Philippians 3:10 should be our prayer also, “That I may know Him.”

## **The Ministry**

Communion and learning at the feet of Jesus should not be something we do only once a week in church, but something we do daily. We would die if we only ate one meal a week. We must eat daily. The word of God is called our "daily bread." Fellowship with God over a meal of His promises is what Bob Yandian Ministries is all about. We offer "daily bread" through many means everyday so that everyone can be commended by the Lord Jesus and told they have chosen the best dish. Each day, the Word is served to those who will sit at Jesus' feet. They can also contact us for special tape and book offers so they can continue to feed on God's Word for the weeks and months to come.

I trust you will continue to faithfully pray and give financially toward the spreading of God's Word to those in need. Please let this ministry be high on your list of priorities this new year of 2003. Your faithful contributions and prayers help us bring God's Word to them.

Just as Paul prayed over the saints, I too pray, *"I thank my God daily upon every remembrance of you."* You, my partners, are a great source of joy. May 2003 be your most prosperous year ever. May you prosper in your family life, social life, and spiritual life. And may you prosper in your finances as you seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.

In His Love,

Bob Yandian

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