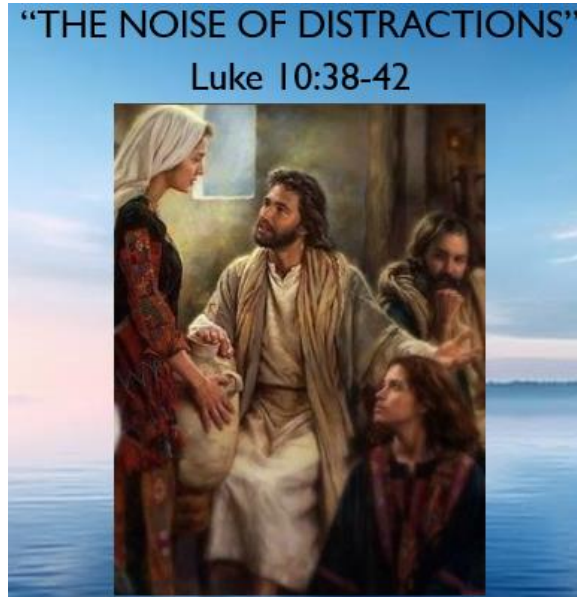


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DISTRACTIONS ARE A PART OF OUR LIVES

- Some are expected/normal
- Legit distractions/interference – they are a part of our lives
- Are you distracted?
- My concern is not these [legit] distractions.
- But your own distractions, the ones **you** make, or **you** allow!



WHAT ARE SOME DISTRACTIONS YOU MAKE?

- What are the distractions; things that take (steal) your time and attention?
- I wonder how many *like* distractions, or *like* to *make* distractions
 - To make you feel important!
 - To make you feel needed!
 - To make you feel good!
- Do you have too much going on? *Creating distractions.*
- Distracting Noise?
 - So that you don't have peace; you have a lot of noise?

THE NOISE OF DISTRACTIONS; THE RESULTS OF BEING TOO DISTRACTED 4 RESULTS:

- I. **We can become prideful (38)**
 - A. Wanting to become an exceptional hostess – *Martha*
 - B. She injects unnecessary anxiety into the visit
Why do we do that?
(circle on other side)
 - C. Martha demands something done (40)

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II. We can become too distracted

- A. Are you too busy?
- B. She was “cumbered about”
- C. Note Jesus’ response: (41)

III. We can become dissatisfied with others.

- A. Martha wrongly judges Mary’s inaction
- B. Note the “also sat” in verse 39, meaning that Mary had helped, had done her part.
- C. Martha’s attitude – tells the Lord what to do

IV. We can make wrong decisions (42)

- A. It was not that Martha was bad, but that she could do better.
- B. Mary’s priorities are in order
Discipleship was the priority! Is it yours?

HOW WILL WE MAKE RIGHT CHOICES?

1. Make sure your priorities are in order!
2. Make sure we’re not filling our life/time with noise!
3. Make sure discipleship is the priority!
Is discipleship your priority?

CONCLUSION:

- In our life’s active service we must not be anxious and agitated, sulky and dissatisfied with our fellow Christians or with our Master, *and* that we should not busy ourselves to such an extent with outward things that we neglect the quiet worship of the Lord.
- You will have distractions; don’t make more.
- And don’t let them keep you from discipleship.

