

Martha, Martha

Often we come very close to completely missing the only thing that is needed. If it weren't for a few people among us (the gifts — apostles and prophets — and those who are diligently dealing with their hearts and receiving from the Spirit with freshness) we would . . . Praise God for the Body.

Lk 10:38-42 — Martha was doing good. In her service of God she only forgot one thing — Him. She only lacked one thing — the thing of first importance. She had no close communion with Him. Our Master did not rebuke her, He just wanted her to go beyond that. We must know what it means to believe and serve God out of rest and not anxiety. She became troubled and disturbed inside — critical. She had no rest. Anxiety is fear. The one needed thing is that we have rest before God. What percentage of your time do you spend at peace with God (hearing from Him), entering into His rest and ceasing from your own labor? He is not saying do less, He is saying do not be anxious. Anxiety is a form of pride. We have to love our Master enough that we wouldn't allow anything to disturb our peace with Him or our brother or even with ourselves. Pride cuts off our life from God. How can we be sensitive to the thoughts and feelings of God when our hearts are so cluttered with so many things. We lack and are hindered and don't even know it. We need to live open lives, confessing our sins. We need to spend time with our Master. This doesn't mean an hour of Bible study every day, but walking with Him, living before Him, receiving our brothers.

1 Pet 1:13 — So brace up your minds; be sober — morally alert; set your hope wholly and unchangeably on the grace that is coming to you when our Master is revealed.

Isa 30:15 — In returning to Me and resting in Me you shall be saved; in quietness and in (trusting) confidence shall be your strength.

Phil 4:6,7 — Do not fret or have any anxiety about anything, but in every circumstance and in everything by prayer and petition (definite requests) with thanksgiving continue to make your wants known to God. And God's peace, which transcends all understanding, shall guard over your hearts and minds in Yahshua Messiah. This should be our normal state and can be a reality if our hearts are open to God. God commands us to enter His rest (Heb 4:11). "Be still and know that I am God" (Ps 46:10). This is the only way to know Him. God wants to lead us with His eye He wants us to know Him — His plans, aims, intentions, thoughts — He wants us to actually take part in His purpose. This is impossible unless our spirits are one with His unless we have communion with Him.

The Master's table deals with sins and fear in our lives, so that we are all free (every one of us) to receive the mind of Messiah.

It has to be in every member of the Body — it can't be that just a few are sensitive to Him. He doesn't just want the elders and teachers to understand His purpose. We take our identity as the people of God. It's abnormal to depend on others so much that you have no initiative to seek out the Sovereign as a member of His Body. Leaders apostles, prophets, evangelists, shepherds, and teachers are only to help us grow up, not to take over and do everything for us. We need to keep our minds alert and our hearts clear so that we can be filled up with the grace the Apostles have brought to us. So we can be quick to take on the mind of Messiah, individually. The mind of the Messiah is in His Body. We need to be creative and seek out the mind of Messiah.