

Feast of Mary and Martha – July 29, 2021

Are you too busy? It seems today that almost everyone is. Often when we run into people we have not seen for long time and ask them how they have been, they reply “busy”. Martha was also busy (see Luke 10:40). She was too busy to take time to enjoy Jesus when he came to her home. She wanted everything to be just right. Jesus implied more than we sometimes realize when he spoke the two words “Martha, Martha”. Martha was too busy for relationships. She chose work and worry over intimacy. As a result, she misused her time and missed what was vital to her.

Mary on the other hand, seized the opportunity to sit at the feet of Jesus and learn. She knew the work would always be there, but that Jesus would not. Mary operated in wisdom. She took advantage of the moment. She could spend the rest of her life cleaning, but Jesus was there and she wanted him to feel welcome.

We need to spend regular, quality time with God. Do not make the mistake of trying to work him into your schedule, but make a decision to put him first and work the rest of your schedule around your time with him. Let us use wisdom and not miss God’s presence when it is available.

Not spending time with God is the biggest mistake we make in our spiritual lives. Spending time studying God’s word, praying and being with him changes us and makes us strong enough to endure whatever challenges come our way in life. The truth of the matter is that we really cannot get along well at all unless we do this one thing that Jesus told Martha was so very important. He told her there was need of only one thing and “Mary has chosen the good portion.”

Learn to recognize the time of your visitation, those special times when God calls you to come and spend time with him. When Jesus knocks at the door of your heart, welcome him in and enjoy his presence.

Amen