

"The One Thing Needed"

Luke 10:38-42; Mark 6:30-34

INTRODUCTION: *The busy Pastor with a bad habit* . . .

- I. BUSY-NESS: THE DISEASE OF OUR TIME
 - A. A "badge of honour" or a symptom of a problem?
 - B. Let's look at the apostles in Mark 6:30-34
 - C. Jesus invited them: come with me to a quiet place
 - D. Could you use the same things today?
- II. SO BUSY ... BUT WHAT IS NECESSARY?
 - B. What is that "one thing needed"? (Luke 10:38-42)
 - B. Mary sat at Jesus' feet (vv. 38-39)
 - C. Martha was "too busy" (v. 40)
 - D. What about you today?
- III. WITH JESUS IN THAT 'QUIET PLACE', WE DISCOVER THAT ONE THING NEEDED
 - A. It is the one thing Jesus gave to His apostles (Mark 6)
 - B. It is the one thing Mary had & Martha missed (Luke 10)
 - C. It is the one thing you cannot do without
 - D. What is it? It is true rest -- (Luke 10:42; Mark 6:34)
 - 1. Being in God's presence gives us rest
 - 2. God's rest shuts the mouth of the lying devil
 - 3. God's rest means sin's burden is taken away
 - 4. God's rest is finally that eternal rest in heaven

CONCLUSION: Blind hymn writer Fanny Crosby:

holy blindness helps us see what is really important . . .