

FAITHFUL BUT UNFULFILLED

Reference: **Luke 10:38-42**

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Luke chapter ten describes a sincere and faithful follower of Jesus who was unfulfilled because she ignored the most essential dimension of someone's spiritual health.

verse thirty-eight, *"Now it happened as they went that He (Jesus) entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house.*

verse thirty-nine, *"And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word."*

verse forty, *"But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me."*

Martha exhibited three symptoms of being **faithful but unfulfilled**.

SYMPTOM ONE is _____.

verse forty, *"But Martha was distracted with **much serving**..."*

Definition: The performance trap is something done out of human obligation contrived from human strength in order to gain the _____ of someone that matters to us.

Notice some characteristics of someone caught in this trap.

- often strives to succeed through **human** _____
- is sometimes trapped in **legalism**
- demonstrates an imbalance: more _____ than _____
- the motive is to **please people**
- constant _____ to other people
- has **manipulation** and **control** tendencies
- no **joyfulness** and **peace**
- extreme reactions to **people** and _____
- relationship with God is **unstable**
- thinks someone has to _____ to get God's acceptance

The solution to the performance trap is to understand that someone's personal relationship to Jesus Christ is the result of _____ from beginning to end.

References: **Acts 13:43b, 18:27b; Romans 3:24; Ephesians 2:8a, 3:7b; II Timothy 2:1; Titus 3:7a; Hebrews 4:16; II Peter 3:18a**, etc. (see screen)

Definition: Divine grace is getting something from God that we absolutely _____.

Notice these statements about grace and performance:

- God's grace is _____ to me because it's based on Jesus' performance and not mine.
- God did not love me and save me because of what I might _____ for Him.
- I must stop relating to God on the basis of _____ and regulations.
- God's grace accepts me as I am and then enables me to _____ and _____ above anything I could _____ and _____ on my own.
- My service to God is actually greater under grace because _____ and not _____ is the motivation.

SYMPTOM TWO is _____.

verse forty-one, "And Jesus answered and said to her, 'Martha, Martha, you are **worried and troubled about many things.**'"

The Greek word (merimnao) that is translated as *worried* means "to divide the _____."

Of the different things we are anxious about:

- ___ percent never happen
- ___ percent are from the past and cannot be changed
- ___ percent consists of criticism
- ___ percent is about health
- ___ percent are about real problems

SYMPTOM THREE is _____.

verse forty, "But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, 'Lord, do You not care that **my sister has left me to serve alone?** Therefore tell her to help me.'"

Reference: **II Corinthians 4:18** (see screen)

Remember the phrase: This too shall _____.

verse forty-two, "But **one thing** is needed, and **Mary has chosen that good part**, which will not be taken away from her."

Jesus is more interested in what we do _____ Him
than what we do _____ Him.

THE BIG IDEA: The antidote to an unfulfilled existence is to _____
on _____.

From a practical perspective this means learn to _____
_____ with Jesus throughout the day until He feels close.

The power to _____ is a priority over the power to _____
because if you are _____ you will do _____.