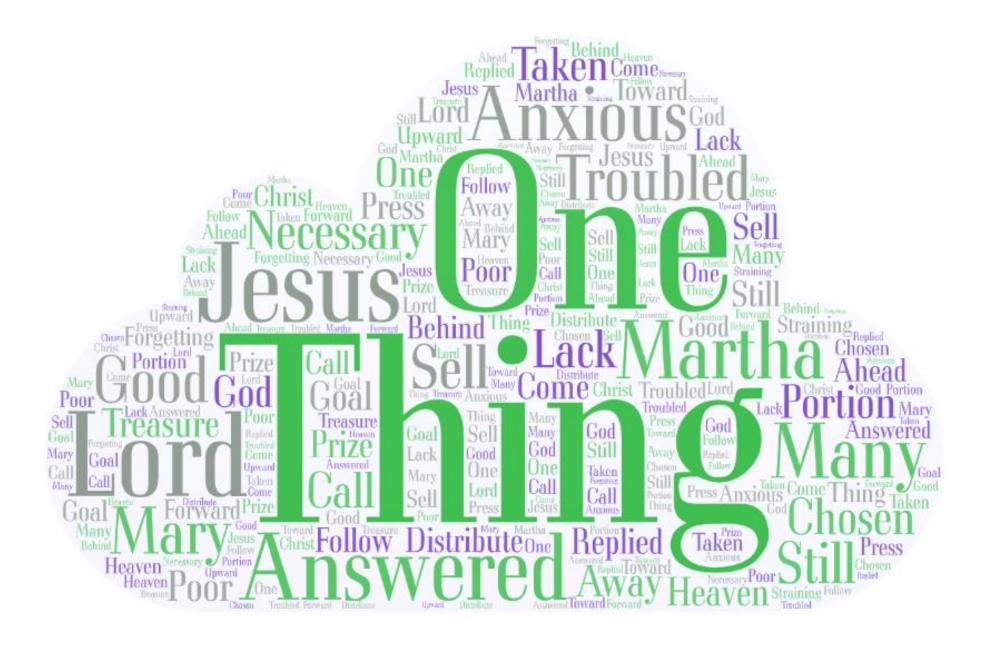
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## One Thing is Needed

"Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary." (Luke 10:41-42)

- Martha was serving, doing a good thing
  - Not a matter of propriety, but priority
- But she let her service distract her from Jesus
  - In this instance, Mary made the better choice
- Physical service is good, but spiritual learning is better
- Are you anxious, troubled, distracted by many things?
  - One thing is needed

## One Thing is Lacking

"One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven" (Luke 18:22)

- This young man is respectful, humble and sincere
- Jesus' response moves the man's focus to God
- He had grown up knowing and keeping the Law
  - But missed the Law's intended impact on the heart? (Deut. 6; Mt. 5:21ff)
- He learned he loved his "one thing" more than God
- What is your "one thing" you will not give up for God?
  - One thing is lacking

## One Thing is Important

"one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead..." (Phil. 3:13)

- We cannot focus on the past
  - We can't rest on our laurels, we can't dwell on our failures
- Let's reach forward to what lies ahead
- Let's press toward the ultimate goal of the called in Christ
- The spiritually mature among us already think this way (15)
  - The rest of us, bless our hearts, will learn that we should
- Are you truly focused on the prize of eternal life with God?
  - One thing is important

## One Thing is Needed One Thing is Lacking One Thing is Important

