





Psalm 73:16, 17

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it troubled me deeply
till I entered the sanctuary of God;
then I understood...



ATTITUDE

Hypocrite

Embarrassed

Grateful



ATTITUDE

Fellow believers
The Word of God
Who Jesus is
God's Story

Matthew 7:3-5

“Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? ⁴ How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? ⁵ You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.



Mary & Martha

- Sisters
- Brother Lazarus
- From
- Bethany (2 miles from Jerusalem)
- No spouses mentioned
- Potentially wealthy (perfume worth over \$10,000)
- Martha's home

Luke 10:38-42

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, He came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to Him. ³⁹ She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said.⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to Him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

⁴¹ "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."



ATTITUDE

**Mary: “...she has left me to serve
alone!”**

**Jesus: “Lord, don’t You Care?”
Worried & Upset
(anxiety & anger)**



Proverbs 15:18

A hot-tempered person stirs up conflict...

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but the one who is patient calms a quarrel.

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One thing

Psalm 27:4

One thing I ask from the LORD,
this only do I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the LORD
and to seek Him in his temple.



Matthew 13:10-12

The disciples came to him and asked, “Why do you speak to the people in parables?”

¹¹ He replied, “Because the knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them. ¹² Whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them.”



John 12:1-8


Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. ² Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. ³ Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

When the disciples saw this they were indignant.

One of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, ⁵ “Why wasn’t this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year’s wages.” ⁶ He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

Aware of this, Jesus said to them,

"Leave her alone!, Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a beautiful thing to Me.



The poor you will always have with you, and you can help them any time you want to...

...but you will not always have Me.

She did what she could. It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of My burial.

When she poured this perfume on My body, she did it to prepare Me for burial.

Truly I tell you, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.



ATTITUDE

Grumbling Antagonist

“Why the waste?”

“...you will not always have Me.”

"Leave her alone!"

Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a beautiful thing to **Me**. Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of My burial.

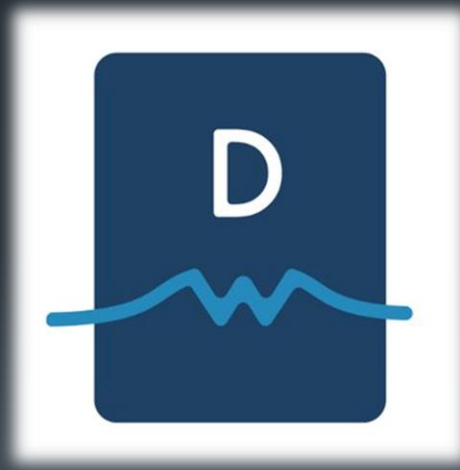
The poor you will always have with you, and you can help them any time you want to...

...but you will not always have **Me**."

Egocentric?

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God's Story



John 11

ATTITUDE

“Do you believe this?”

“Yes, Lord...”

“But, Lord...”

“Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But I know that even now God will give You whatever you ask.”

²³ Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

²⁴ Martha answered, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”

²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in Me will live, even though they die; ²⁶ and whoever lives by believing in Me will never die. Do you believe this?”

²⁷ “Yes, Lord,” she replied, “I believe that You are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.” After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary.

Bethany

