One Absolute Necessity

Luke 10:38-42 Pastor Phil Winfield July 13, 2014

...there is a time to **stand and serve** and there is a time to **sit and listen.**

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There is a time to **sit** and **listen**

- 1. We need to sit and listen because Jesus is going to <u>reveal the Father</u> to us. (John 7:16; 8:26, 28, 40; 15:15; 17:8).
- 2. We need to sit and listen because Jesus is going to **teach the truth** to us.
- 3. We need to sit and listen because Jesus is going to **reveal the future** to us. (Luke 17.26-30).
- 4. We need to sit and listen because Jesus is going to **communicate his love** to us. (Luke 22.14-20)
- We need to sit and listen so that we can <u>worship with understanding</u>. (Ps 47:7; 1 Co 14:15).

Sit and listen or you'll **burn out** when you stand and serve.

- 1. Work before worship leads to **foolish accusation**:
- 2. Work before worship leads to **embarrassing revelation**:
- 3. A self-test for burn out.
 - a. First, as we all should, we get **active** in Christian service.
 - b. Then we become **agitated** in our Christian service.
 - c. Finally we become **angry** in our Christian service.

Three suggestions to conquer burnout:

- Take time to sit still and worship Jesus <u>personally</u>.
- Take time to sit still to learn from and to worship Jesus <u>corporately</u>.
- Never assume that if you have worked that you have **worshipped**.

Psalm 27.4 One thing I have desired of the Lord, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the Lord, And to inquire in His temple.