

Message Title: When Jesus Scolded Martha Pt-1

Theme: This message starts a series that studies why Jesus scolded Martha while she was just asking for help in serving others, but praised Mary while she sat and did nothing to help. This doesn't make sense to our way of thinking but instead of realizing that Jesus must have had a good reason, and ask God for understanding we just slide past it with barely a thought.

One of the truly great admonitions in the Bible is James 1:22, "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves". We treat this much like someone smoking who sees a sign saying NO SMOKING but continues to do so anyway. The sign reminds them of something they know they should act on, but they are living in a quandary, knowing they should stop but lacking the motivation, so they continue on deceiving themselves.

People do what they do for one of three reasons, They see a need, They are shown a need or, They are threatened. If a doctor says stop smoking or you will have incurable cancer within a year, and then die in just months after that, some will take the doctor seriously while others will say, that's just an opinion.

The difference for believers is that God doesn't give us an opinion, He shows us truth. The Scriptures are for us to act on but we treat them as suggestions. We don't take God seriously because we feel no eminent threat.

Jesus told us of the Rich man and Lazarus in Luke 16 to make it clear that the things we do now make a permanent difference, there are no do-overs. He has given us all a choice, we can realize there is a need to take action or choose to continue as we are and believe anything we want.

Salient Points: Non believing hypocrisy, Trusting in a disaster, Prayers against God's will, The last church, Here for God not self, Messages not preached, But someone must do it, Missing the meaning, Living beyond now, Attention on self, What God wants us to understand, Applying understanding, It's all for God, The yoke of bondage, Separated by sin, Real freedom, Bound by works, In awe of God, Ye did run well, Recognizing God's hand, How important is sin, Distracted, Not here for self, Created with understanding, Considering God, Cumbered about, Keeping God in church, Where is God, Why this way, Taking God seriously, Praying against God, By their fruit.

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Scripture: Lk. 10:38-42, Gal. 5:1.7-9, Mt. 10:38-42

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The speaker would like you to know that all of these messages are in the chronological progression that God revealed them, and even though many may stand alone, they progress through several subjects that build on the previous lessons. This series of messages titled "Our Timeless Creator" (OTC), shift the focus from salvation and service, to understanding God. How He who needs nothing, benefits from creating the human race. It started in 2007 when God brought the speaker to Psalm 50:15 three times following the miraculous healing of his dying wife. It reads, ***“And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me”***. Following this he prayed fervently. "LORD, show me how to glorify you and I will do the best I can". The speaker had become a new creature, (2 Corinthians 5:17) on May 20 1973. At that moment the reality of GOD's existence and the direct connection to the Bible became miraculously clear. Overwhelmed with excitement he began telling everyone who had a few moments to listen, what he had found, like a man who had found a cure for a terminal illness, which everyone had. His excitement and enthusiasm continued for well over a year, even when many said, "you'll get over it." Slowly his efforts began to focus on responsibility and all the how-tos of service. As the excitement faded it was replaced with frustration. He had said many times "the most frustrating thing in life is, knowing what GOD could do and watch him not do it". In 2005 GOD began a work as described in Job 5:17-18, that changed everything. He says," it was much like when I first became a child of God all over again". He describes it like application of (2 Corinthians 3:18), "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, ***even*** as by the Spirit of the Lord". Truly a life changing experience as God increases and we automatically decrease.