



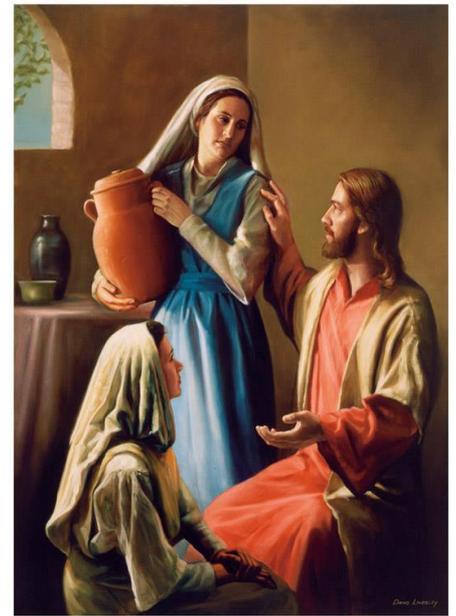
# MARY AND MARTHA “A CONTRAST”

“Martha, Martha, you are worried  
and troubled about many things.”

**Luke 10:41**

# SISTERS WHO ARE DIFFERENT

- **Martha – a perfect hostess**
- **Mary – interested in conversation**
  - Love and devotion to Jesus
    - **Mark 14:3-9**
    - **John 12:1-8**

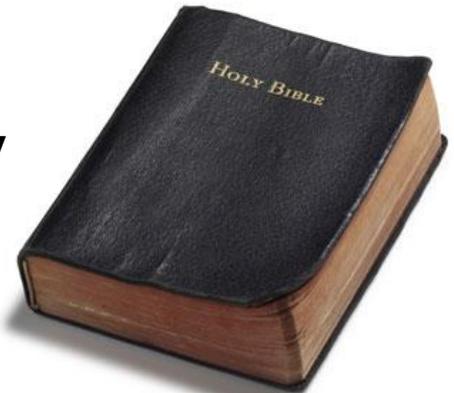


# ANOTHER CONTRAST

- **Between Martha and Mary**

- **Luke 10:38-42**

- Martha “distracted with much serving”
- Mary sits at the feet of Jesus

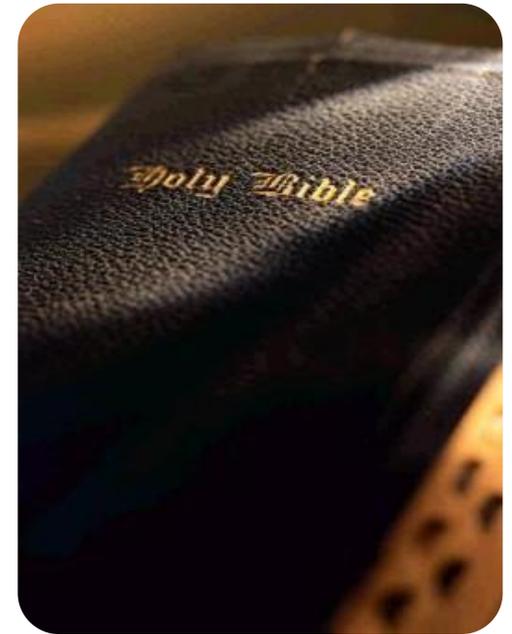


# MARTHA, NOT A BAD PERSON

- **A woman of dedication**
  - Can be counted on when needed
- **A commendable woman**
  - Under different circumstances serving may have been the best thing

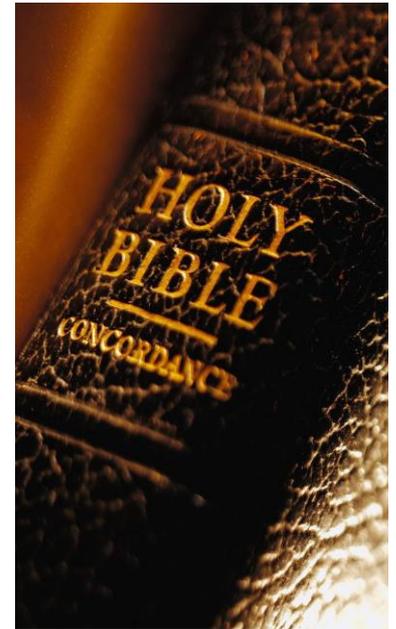
# MAINTAIN A BALANCED LIFE

- **Balance is needed**
  - Recognize we are human
  - Setting priorities
- **Confronted with choices**
  - What is good and what is **BEST**



# WHAT IS GOOD AND BEST

- **Examine our life below the superficial level of outward appearances**
- **Martha caught up in the performance trap**
  - Setting expectations that can't be met



# CONCLUSION

- **What about our life?**
  - Filled with purpose and peace?
  - Stressed and frayed?
- **Jesus' words ring true for us today**
  - **Matthew 11:28**



Look at the example of Mary and Martha and learn to give our **BEST** not just the good!