

Lon May Ministries
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Dear Partaker of God's Goodness,

"There is really only one thing worth being concerned about..."
(Luke 10:42 NLT)

This quote is taken from the exhortation that Jesus was giving to Martha the sister of Mary. Martha had received Jesus into her house that day and the scripture tells us that while Mary was setting at the feet of the Master listening, Martha was "cumbered about much serving"(vs. 41 KJV).

Jesus said, "*Martha, Martha you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her.*" (Luke 10:41-42 NKJV) Martha was "busy" with what was valuable to her while Mary was "busy" with what she valued, spending time focused on what the Master was saying. The Amplified Bible says "Martha (overly occupied and too busy) was distracted with much serving."

I believe this depicts an image of many in the church world today. Jesus told Martha in so many words that *while it may be true that we need to eat, something of greater value is being offered today - My Words, and Mary has chosen the one thing MOST important.* Opportunity presented itself to have Jesus in their home that day and Martha was too busy to focus on Him. Someone of eternal significance. Someone that had the potential to change her finances. Someone that could enable her to walk in divine health. Someone that could change the direction of her life she didn't have time for. She was distracted with something else.

How easy it is for us to become overly occupied and too busy with things that are not that important. Things of little value sometimes take up much of our precious time. From eternity's perspective there are very few things that have real significance. Not everything carries the same weight and value when you measure them to God's scale of what is important.

In praying about the upcoming year this past December, the Lord spoke something to my heart that is of major importance for us to be aware of this year. For believers to be the overcomers the Bible depicts us to be, we must develop the habit of being "*singularly minded*". The Lord shared with me that to be "*plurally minded*" would serve to diminish our effectiveness in the earth as His agents by hindering our ability to receive Heaven's provision.

To be plurally minded simply means to take into account multiple things at the same time. To regard more than one thing as a possible answer. The Bible defines this as being double minded. Consideration for multiple things other than what God has promised to do for you is double mindedness. James 1:8 tells us, “*A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.*” (I have found they are moody too!) To have more than one mind is to be plurally minded and creates instability. James also tells us “*that man will not receive **anything** from the Lord.*”(verse 7) When we are considering multiple things as possible answers, we diminish the value of the ONE thing we should be considering - His Word.

As darkness continues to increase in the earth, people’s instability will also increase. Instability is caused by consideration of multiple things that seem to be important. God desires to have a stable body of people that will stand firm in Him. For this to become reality, we must be single minded people.

The Presidential election may seem to be the most important thing to you, but is it? Health reform may seem to be important to you, but is it? The economy may be important to you, but is it the most important? How important is God’s Word to us concerning these things? Are we focused on who He is? Are we intelligent about His mind on these matters? Is the concern for our welfare not a part of His supply for us as His children? Ultimately, what we think about the most will reflect what is most important to us. *There is really only one thing worth being concerned about.*

What did He say about your situation? What did He say about your finances? What did He say about your health? Is He willing to provide? Will He restore? Will He save? Do you have His Word on the situation? These are questions we need to be asking ourselves if we are going to be single minded.

What to Consider and What Not to Consider

*“And not being weak in faith, He **did not consider** his own body...(or)the deadness of Sarah’s womb. He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.” (Romans 4:19-21 NKJV)*

The reason Abraham was able to receive the impossible from God was because he was single minded. Fear, worry and doubt were not a consideration for him. As a result of considering the right things, he was able to remain stable to receive the promise of a son. His considerations were only for what God had said to him. His thought life was bridled by something God had said to

him. The Message translation says “*he didn’t tiptoe around God’s promise asking cautiously skeptical questions*”.

We must learn **what to consider** and **what not to consider** if we are going to walk in victory over the devil. Satan is the master of offering us options. We must be aware of his strategy and focus only on what God has said and is saying to us today. For us, there are no other options but to:

- 1) Read, hear and meditate on what God’s Word has said to us concerning the situation. This creates faith to receive.
- 2) Believe in our heart what God’s Word has said and accept it as final authority.
- 3) Speak and pray with confidence **only** what His Word has said.
- 4) We are to believe we have received the promise from Him.
- 5) Praise Him as though it were already manifested.
- 6) Daily review what God’s Word has said to you and reject all other ideas contrary to what you are believing for. This keeps our focus single.

How we control our thought life determines how well we stay focused. To become single minded about the promises of God is the best way to receive them. Evidence of God’s willingness to provide for us is often best manifested when we have no other choice but to believe Him. It is at these times when He is able to shine the brightest for us because we have no other alternative. If our back is against the wall today, it’s because we have been overly occupied and busy with other things. *There is really only one thing worth being concerned about.*

In counseling with people, I have found a pattern in getting them to receive from God, particularly healing. What God has said is not always known and therefore the focal point is usually on the problem, not on the answer. Once they find out what God’s Word says, they struggle to stay focused on what He has promised He would do. Very often they fail to distinguish the difference between being single minded and being simple minded. They feel as though somehow they are being irresponsible or simple minded if they don’t consider all the facts. The idea is that more knowledge means more answers. This creates increased clutter of the mind and diminishes God’s ability **in them**. For them, the answer is not obvious due to the collection of data their mind is filtering. All the while, God waits quietly in their spirit to give the answers. *There is really only one thing worth being concerned about.*

The reason Jesus fulfilled His ministry was because He kept His focus in the right place. Notice, Hebrews 12:1&2 “...let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, **(be single minded)** the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured ...”(NIV) You will notice, He kept something set in front of Him. The promise from the Father of being exalted. Again, He kept what Father had promised in front of Him. This enabled Him to run His race fully.

“Go in through the narrow gate. The gate to destruction is wide, and the road that leads there is easy to follow. A lot of people go through that gate. But the gate to life is narrow. The road that leads there is so hard to follow that only a few people find it.” (Matt. 7:13-14 Contemporary English Version)

You may be thinking that you can't do this. If so, please consider the fact that you are reflecting on something all the time. It may be disguised as worry, concern, fear, doubt or a form of nobility. But God has a way for us to live life free of worry and full of peace. It is a narrow way but it is a way of security.

In conclusion, there should come a point in our spiritual development that we know what we believe about God's faithfulness. We should be more confident in Him than we are the symptoms in our body, a lawyer, doctor, CNN, the stock market or closest friend. What has God promised you today? What are you believing God for? If it hasn't manifested yet it could be because you are plurally minded about it. Will you become single minded so you can receive His best? Remember, *There is really only one thing worth being concerned about.*

We love you and do pray for you. Until we talk again, may God's best be yours as you pursue Him in all things!

Working together with Him,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lon". The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent loop at the end of the word.