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Philippians 3:17-20

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One Thing is Needed

“Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary.” (Luke 10:41-42)

- Martha was serving, doing a good thing
 - Not a matter of propriety, but priority
- But she let her service distract her from Jesus
 - In this instance, Mary made the better choice
- Physical service is good, but spiritual learning is better
- Are you anxious, troubled, distracted by many things?
 - One thing is needed

One Thing is Lacking

“One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven” (Luke 18:22)

- This young man is respectful, humble and sincere
- Jesus’ response moves the man’s focus to God
- He had grown up knowing and keeping the Law
 - But missed the Law’s intended impact on the heart? (Deut. 6; Mt. 5:21ff)
- He learned he loved his “one thing” more than God
- **What is your “one thing” you will not give up for God?**
 - **One thing is lacking**

One Thing is Important

“one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead...” (Phil. 3:13)

- We cannot focus on the past
 - We can't rest on our laurels, we can't dwell on our failures
- Let's reach forward to what lies ahead
- Let's press toward the ultimate goal of the called in Christ
- **The spiritually mature among us already think this way (15)**
 - The rest of us, bless our hearts, will learn that we should
- **Are you truly focused on the prize of eternal life with God?**
 - **One thing is important**

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