



————— ≈ *Week 3: The Gift of Simplicity* ≈ —————

Date: December 13th, 2020

Scripture: Luke 10:38-42, John 11:21-27

Memory verse: Luke 10:41-42 *“Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.”*

————— ≈ *Reflection and Discussion Notes* ≈ —————

✝ Talk to the hand!

✝ Reality! Through our faith in Him, Jesus really does want us to receive the gift of SIMPLICITY. But not in a superficial way denying the reality that life is rarely simple! Rather, in a way that asks us to consider the question- deeply- of what is most IMPORTANT. Of what is BEST.

✝ What Jesus didn't say!

✝ When it came to everything Martha needed to get done, Jesus' invitation into the peace of simplicity wasn't a change of details. It was a change of PRIORITIES.

† From Martha to me

† Life becomes simpler when our IDENTITY in Christ helps us put things in perspective.

† Life becomes simpler when we are less DISTRACTED.

† Jesus gives us the gift of simplicity by helping us see what we should really LET GO

† Epilogue

~ *Remaining messages in this series* ~

December 20: The gift of *Influence*

December 27: The gift of a *Greater Desire*

Note: Pastor Ethan's source material for this series is the highly recommended book "The Pressure's off" by Larry Crabb