

Sermon Text: Luke 10:38-42 ³⁸Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. ³⁹And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." ⁴¹And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. ⁴²"But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."

Sermon Theme: The One Thing Needful is Found with Jesus in His Word.

- 1. Don't let the cares and concerns of this world pull you away from it.**
- 2. Instead, sit at the feet of Jesus and learn of Him.**

In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who blesses us with the one thing needful, dear fellow redeemed;

It is that time of year again. The stores have been alerting us to its coming for several weeks now by advertising their back-to-school sales. Students of a wide range of ages from pre-school children to post graduate adults, which can include senior citizens, are preparing to start a new school year.

With the approach of schools in this country starting up again, it is very obvious that a majority of people in this land recognize the importance of educating its citizens. It is seen as being so very important because of its key role in preparing individuals to be productive citizens.

When it comes to this world's thinking, very often earthlings stress getting the kind of education that will enable them to get a good paying job so that they can have a comfortable life and enjoy the best of what this world has to offer. This sort of thinking can be rather self-serving, especially when folks fail to realize that the Lord gives each of us varying gifts, talents, and abilities so that we can be of service to one another and to put our resources to work in His kingdom.

An area of education many fail to recognize as having an even greater importance than receiving secular knowledge is that of gaining knowledge and understanding concerning the spiritual truths of God. This kind of education not only prepares us for life on a higher plain of living, but also prepares us for our future life of eternity in the world to come.

With this in mind, we would be remiss when in speaking of the start up of a new school year if we didn't also mention the importance of teaching our children Bible truths, as well as having adult Bible study. With Pastor Ude having accepted our call to serve as our pastor, I look forward to him conducting Bible study with us.

Earlier I mentioned that you might even find senior citizens attending schools. Certainly we are never too old to learn. And when it comes to the teachings of our Lord found in Holy Scripture we will not reach the point when we can say we don't need to learn anymore about our Lord and His blessed truths. In fact, since we have a tendency of forgetting teachings of God which we learned as children, there is ever and again the need to relearn what we forgot or lost sight of.