

Disconnected

We stay connected by ...

III: Arranging _____ amid the Distractions

It isn't always wise to let your heart determine what is or isn't a distraction because our heart seeks to serve self. In Martha's case her priority wasn't to spend time with Jesus but rather it was to serve and please Jesus.

God gives us Biblical priorities ...

A. _____

Every person within a family unit is responsible to make their family a priority. We are all responsible to build relationships with our spouse, and children, and parents, and siblings.

B. _____

The church is vital in keeping you connected with God.

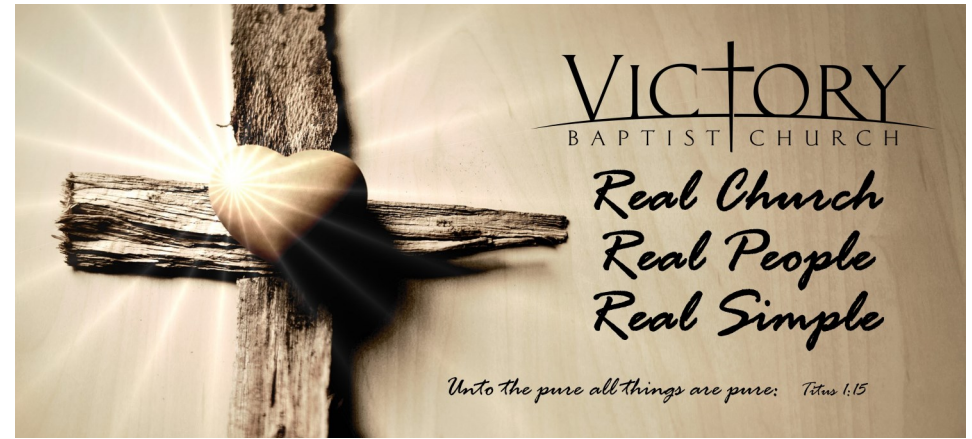
C. _____ with God

Find a time, and place EVERY DAY to focus only on HIM!

Psalms 55:17 ... ***Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.***

Isaiah 26:3 ... ***Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.***

Are there any distractions in your life that are interfering with your relationship to God, your family, your church and your friends?



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Luke 10:38-42

10:40 ... ***But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me.***

Between social media, busy schedules, hobbies, work, it has become increasingly difficult to not become disconnected from the life and relationships that God has for us.

In our text, Martha had allowed the distraction of serving to disconnect her from spending time with Jesus.

This morning we will discover a process that will help us stay connected in spite of our distractions.

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I: Acknowledging the _____ of Distractions

Martha wanted to spend more time with Jesus but she was distracted with a problem. And the problems that she experienced from her distractions were ...

A. distraction cause _____

While we don't know all of the details of her serving, we do know that it distracted her and caused unnecessary stress, to the point that she asked Jesus to help her.

B. it didn't _____ God's interests

While this can't be said of all distractions, in most cases the types of distractions we are talking about result in a disconnection in our relationships. God's desire is not that we forgo relationships with Him, our families, and church ... but rather that we build healthy, Biblical relationships with one another.

If we are going to stay connected to those things that God cherishes. Such as family, providing for our family, church, and our walk with Him, then we have to acknowledge that distractions can cause stress in our life and don't serve God's interests but rather Satan's interests.

QUOTE: "You will never reach your destination if you stop and throw stones at every dog that barks." — Winston S. Churchill

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II: Accessing our _____ over Distractions

Distractions will either have power over you or you will have power over them.

First notice...

A. our _____

Martha asks Jesus to tell Mary to help her out ... and Jesus says ...***Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.***

While some distractions require immediate attention, when you discern the problem of a distraction ... you have a choice... you can allow it to have power over your time, your thinking, your relationships or you can choose to have power over the distraction.

B. _____ over the distraction

Ecclesiastes 9:10... ***Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might;***

You have control over *what your hand findeth to do*. You have control over the extent of your involvement with your family time, and church-time, and study-time. You have power to say "*I'm not going to let this distraction disconnect me from the things that I know are important to me and to God*"

If something comes into your life that wants to continually distract you from being the spouse that God wants you to be, or the son or daughter or parent that pleases God, or the Christian that pleases God with their life, you have the power to stop it from distracting you; you have the power to choose to either sit at Jesus' feet or not; and you have the power to get control over your life.
