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*Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. (Jude 1:3)*

In the third week of January, of this year, I had a spiritual experience. I was awakened, by the Lord, at one thirty-five in the morning. He said, "Don't yield to distractions." I immediately knew, by revelation, that the year of 2020 would be filled with distractions to get me and the church off track. Since that time, it has certainly proven true in my life.

I am thankful the Lord warned me about this in advance so I could watch out for it. You may have noticed that your life has been like a whirlwind of distractions to deter you. Don't be discouraged. Just make adjustments to focus more upon the Lord, prayer and His Word. Distractions will come, but we do not have to yield to them.

The church has been too distracted over the last years with the ideas and plans of man. Motivational sermons and Ted Talks have replaced preaching the gospel in many cases. Human knowledge has increased to the point that many are distracted with it.



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## Martha - Martha

*Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word. 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. And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her. (Luke 10:38-42)*

The above scriptures are what the Lord told me to look at when He spoke to me, along with others we will review. Martha invited Jesus into her house, which is what we all should do. Mary, her sister, was so blessed to be in the presence of Jesus Christ. She sat down at His feet so she did not miss a word that he said. Martha wanted to be a good host and was serving refreshments to everyone, but Mary would not be distracted from giving Jesus her undivided attention. It was right for Martha to serve others in her home.



Martha got upset with her sister for not helping her as she rightfully should. I am sure this went on for a while, with Martha giving her sister angry looks. Mary didn't seem to care because she did not want to be distracted from Jesus. Finally, Martha complained to Jesus and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her to help me." Jesus answered, "Martha, Martha." He said her name twice to get her attention and for her to focus on Him. Notice, He did not tell her it was wrong to serve as the hostess. It is proper protocol in any situation like that, even today.

He told her that Mary had chosen the good part of desiring to be with Jesus and He would not tell her to stop and serve others. He was telling Martha that she had become overly distracted with serving and she should stop and sit at His feet also. There is a time to serve, work and do other things, but there is a time to focus only on Jesus Christ.

Today, many Christians and ministers are distracted with all types of things and do not sit at the feet of Jesus as they should. Therefore, there is a great lack of revelation and anointing in the church today. Revelation of His Word and His anointing only comes from spending time with Jesus. This, sadly, causes many ministers to give book reports on the Bible that are called sermons. Many don't know the difference.

## **Distracted By One Thing**

*Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor; and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me. And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions.*  
(Mark 10:21-22)

This is the account where the rich young ruler came to Jesus. In fact, the young man ran to Jesus and knelt down before Him. His actions gave the indication that he was very sincere about following Jesus and worshipping Him. Many have an outward appearance that they desire to follow Jesus today, but turn back when they find out they have to change to do so. This is what happened with the young ruler.

The young man asked Jesus, "Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?" Noticed he asked what he needed to do to have eternal life, not how to inherit God's blessings on earth as many think. Jesus told the young man to keep the commandments. He told Jesus he had done that all his life.

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I want to point out that Jesus looked at the young man and *loved him*. Even though He loved him, it did not change the fact that there were still requirements for him. Jesus did not tell him that he would be fine like he was because He loved him.

Many preach a false concept of love today. It states Jesus loves you just like you are and there is no change required. Jesus loves every human being, but there are still qualifications to go to heaven and to have His anointing. This truth is revealed in these scriptures among others.

The young man was distracted by one thing. Jesus told him to sell what he had and give to the poor and he would have treasure in heaven. The young man decided that his money was more important to him than eternal life. That seems almost impossible to believe that someone would make that decision. Of course, many do so everyday and go to hell, which is a lake burning with fire and brimstone. Many Christians also let things on earth become more important to them than heavenly things. You hear of it and see it all the time. I know it is because the false doctrine of unbiblical grace is being declared by many churches.

The young man allowed one thing to keep him from eternal life. Is there one thing that keeps you from seeking the Lord like you should? God will help you if you turn to Him.

## **Paul Would Not Be Distracted**

*And some days after Paul said unto Barnabas, Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they do. And Barnabas determined to take with them John, whose surname was Mark. But Paul thought not good to take him with them, who departed from them from Pamphylia, and went not with them to the work. And the contention was so sharp between them, that they departed asunder one from the other: and so Barnabas took Mark, and sailed unto Cyprus; And Paul chose Silas, and departed, being recommended by the brethren unto the grace of God. And he went through Syria and Cilicia, confirming the churches. (Acts 15:36-41)*

The above verses give the account of the disagreement of Paul and Barnabas. Paul wanted to return to visit people who he and Barnabas had led to Christ and encourage them. The problem arose when Barnabas wanted to take Mark with them and Paul did not. Some commentaries say that Mark was related to Barnabas.

They had taken Mark with them before on a missionary journey. He turned back and did not complete the trip with them. Paul must have thought he would be a distraction to them on this new journey like he had been previously. That is why he was adamantly opposed to Mark going with them on this trip.



The Apostle Paul did not want to be distracted by Mark. He was going to strengthen and encourage those he had already preached too. He didn't want to have to keep Mark strengthened. He needed someone with him that was strong enough to strengthen others. Barnabas did not agree with Paul and there was great contention between them. They separated because of this and Paul chose Silas to go with him instead. Silas had been highly recommended to Paul by those who knew his character.

Note, Paul would not be distracted by a preacher! He was following his spirit, not Barnabas. It seems it is easy today for some to be enamored and infatuated with ministers, whether they are following God or not, because of their position, prestige and image in the church. We preachers need input into our lives and ministries, by other ministers, but not just any minister or ministry.

Dad Hagin taught us to be wise about who we follow and closely associate with in ministry. He said, "If you follow a preacher closely and they get into error, you will make the same mistakes they did."

The Lord spoke to me before dawn yesterday. He said, *"I need pure vessels to flow through with my anointing and power in this day. Many I have called have gotten into doctrinal and spiritual error and I cannot use them. Keep yourself pure and prepare yourself for My Glory."*

## What Should I Do

There is something we can do to keep from being distracted. Foremost, we must simplify our lives. We are too busy like Martha was. We run here and there trying to fit into the crowd and make memories. The Bible simply tells us to "Be still and know that I am God."

I can hear you now, "My God! I don't have time to be still! Don't you realize all I have to do and keep up with! Get out of my way, I have to go! Simply, it is written, "Be still and know that I am God." I heard you. You said, "You are going to meet your God if you don't get out of my way!" Ha! Ha! Ha! But it is true you know. You remember the Bible tells us that in the last days men would run to and fro. We are in the last days.

We are also distracted and too busy with electronics and games. Christians minds hardly ever rest because they are searching the sites on the phone or computer. They are mentally overactive and they lose perception of the spiritual realm.

Remember, I was speaking in a very large convention back some years ago. The host minister was in the speakers room with me. He was intently looking at his iPad and poking on it. I thought that he was getting a powerful sermon that I needed to hear. About an hour later, I discovered he was playing games! This was while others were speaking in the meeting! Jesus! Be still. *(end)*



## DON'T YIELD TO DISTRACTIONS

In this message, Rev. Grier shares about what the Lord told him about not yielding to distractions and doing what He called us to do.

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Finally, Paul stood forth in the midst of them and said, "And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man's life among you, but of the ship. For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve, Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and. lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee. I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me."

### The Lord Jesus Spoke To Me

I was seeking the Lord, a few years back, about finances to do what He had told me to do. In all my years of ministry He has never spoken to me so definitely about my financial partners. He said, "I told Paul that I had given him all that sailed with Him during the storm. I have also given you all that sail with you financially and will bless their sowing and all that they set their hands too." This has proven true for my financial partners since then. I am so thankful for His blessings upon them! To God be the Glory! I invite you to partner with the Lord Jesus Christ through RGM today.

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