

Praise the Lord for another month. I cannot help but start off each Nicole's Notes praising the Lord for another month because He did not have to allow me to see it or allow you to see it. I never want to take for granted that I am only here by His grace and mercy. October...here we are two months away from a brand new year, 2009!

The past few months have been chaotic and I realized that I spend more time with things of this world than with the treasures that God has placed in the world. Beware of the barrenness of a busy life. Do you feel overly consumed with the world; the economy, the election, or your family, personal, or work life that you just can't seem to find the time to spend with Jesus. I've heard people say that driving is a good opportunity to spend time communing with the Father, but when driving to work, picking up the kids, or running errands, there are so many things on your mind and God is not one of them. How does that happen? But a better question is how can we make sure we don't continue to let this happen?

When we look at biblical characters that focused on Jesus, we notice some consistent outcomes, as opposed to those who focused on other things. Let's take a look at some examples. We see a perfect example in Luke 10:38-42 when Mary was sitting at the feet of Jesus listening intently to every word He spoke, while Martha was in the kitchen distracted by all the preparations she had to make. Though we long to have a healthy balance between the two, are we more like one or the other? Mary sat at the feet of Jesus, and was made full of the things of God, and Martha was too busy working and serving, thereby neglecting the Lord. Jesus told Martha, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

The woman who had 12 years of bleeding knew that it was Jesus who could heal her and she was determined to get to Him because her faith kept her focused on Him. She touched His robe and was healed (Mark 5:28-29).

The wealthy man who asked Jesus what he must do for eternal life was told to sell all of his possessions and give them to the poor. The wealthy man walked away sadly because he could not part with his possessions. He missed the opportunity to have all treasure in heaven because he was focused on the world (Matt. 19:16-23).

The 10 lepers that sought Jesus were healed immediately, and after they left Him to show themselves to the priest, all of them took their mind off Jesus except one and this one healed leper that remained stayed on Him was not just healed, but made whole (Luke 17:12-19).

When we keep our mind stayed on Him and His truth, we benefit greatly by His power and are blessed tremendously with health, healing, eternal life, and so much more. Jesus is with us in everything so it is only sensible that we focus on Him in every situation.

God loves you very much and so do I!

Be blessed,

Nicole

*You will keep in perfect peace
him whose mind is steadfast,
because he trusts in You.*

-Isaiah 26:3



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