

HOMESCHOOLING FROM A PLACE OF PEACE AND REST

A MENTOR MOM© CLASS

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Luke 10:

38 ¶ 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.

39 And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word.

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.

41 And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful (GR-worried) and troubled about many things:

42 But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

Julie B. Beck – General Conference April 2010

“A good woman knows that she does not have enough time, energy, or opportunity to take care of all of the people or do all of the worthy things her heart yearns to do. Life is not calm for most women, and each day seems to require the accomplishment of a million things, most of which are important. But **with personal revelation, she can prioritize correctly and navigate this life confidently.** The ability to qualify for, receive, and act on personal revelation is the single most important skill that can be acquired in this life. Many answers to difficult questions are found by reading the scriptures because the scriptures are an aid to revelation.³ Insight found in scripture accumulates over time, so it is important to spend some time in the scriptures every day. Daily prayer is also essential to having the Lord's Spirit with us.⁴ Those who **earnestly seek help through prayer and scripture study** often have a paper and pencil nearby to write questions and record impressions and ideas. **Revelation can come hour by hour and moment by moment as we do the right things.** When women nurture as Christ nurtured, a power and peace can descend to guide when help is needed. For instance, mothers can feel help from the Spirit even when tired, noisy children are clamoring for attention, but they can be distanced from the Spirit if they lose their temper with children. Being in the right places allows us to receive guidance. It requires a conscious effort to diminish distractions, but having the Spirit of revelation makes it possible to prevail over opposition and persist in faith through difficult days and essential routine tasks. **Personal revelation gives us the understanding of what to do every**

day to increase faith and personal righteousness, strengthen families and homes, and seek those who need our help.

Because personal revelation is a constantly renewable source of strength, it is possible to feel bathed in help even during turbulent times. We are told to put our **trust in that Spirit** which leads us “to do justly, to walk humbly, to judge righteously.”⁵ We are also told that this Spirit will enlighten our minds, fill our souls with joy, and help us know all things we should do.⁶ Promised personal revelation comes when we ask for it, prepare for it, and go forward in faith, trusting that it will be poured out upon us.”

Elder Bednar in Conference –Nov 2009

“Today if you could ask our adult sons what they remember about family prayer, scripture study, and family home evening, I believe I know how they would answer. They likely would not identify a particular prayer or a specific instance of scripture study or an especially meaningful family home evening lesson as the defining moment in their spiritual development. What they would say they remember is that as a family we were consistent. Sister Bednar and I thought helping our sons understand the content of a particular lesson or a specific scripture was the ultimate outcome. But such a result does not occur each time we study or pray or learn together. The consistency of our intent and work was perhaps the greatest lesson—a lesson we did not fully appreciate at the time.”

Elder Uchtdorf in Conference Nov 09–

“One person's good idea—something that may work for him or her—takes root and becomes an expectation.”

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