

the **FOLLOWERS**

November 30, 2014
One Service Sunday | 10:00 am
Pastor Dave Mitchell

Mary & Martha The Priority of a Jesus Follower | Luke 10:38-42

Luke has just recorded the event of the “Good Samaritan” where his good works were honored as he helped a man in need. (Luke 10:30-37) Now he focuses on Mary and Martha, and how the “good work” of Martha needs some correction. We need a Martha who is willing to work hard, but is it possible to do too much good work?

Signs I am doing too much good work

- **When it impacts my relationship with Jesus:**
 - I think the Lord does not care about me
 - I try to tell Jesus how I should live my life
 - I try to please Jesus based on my performance

“But Martha was distracted with all her preparations; and she came up to Him and said, ‘Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to do all the serving alone? Then tell her to help me.’” Luke 10:40

- **When it impacts my own heart:**
 - I am distracted from the priority of being with Jesus
 - I am worried, bothered, anxious, irritable, and lack peace
 - Distracted = literally, to draw away

“But Martha was distracted with all her preparations...But the Lord answered and said to her, ‘Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things...’” Luke 10:40-41

- **When it impacts my relationship with others:**
 - I am critical of others
 - I feel all alone with my problem
 - I need to blame anyone other than myself for my problems
 - I shame those who do not measure up to my standards

“...my sister has left me to do all the serving alone?” Luke 10:40

What I should do if I seem to be like Martha

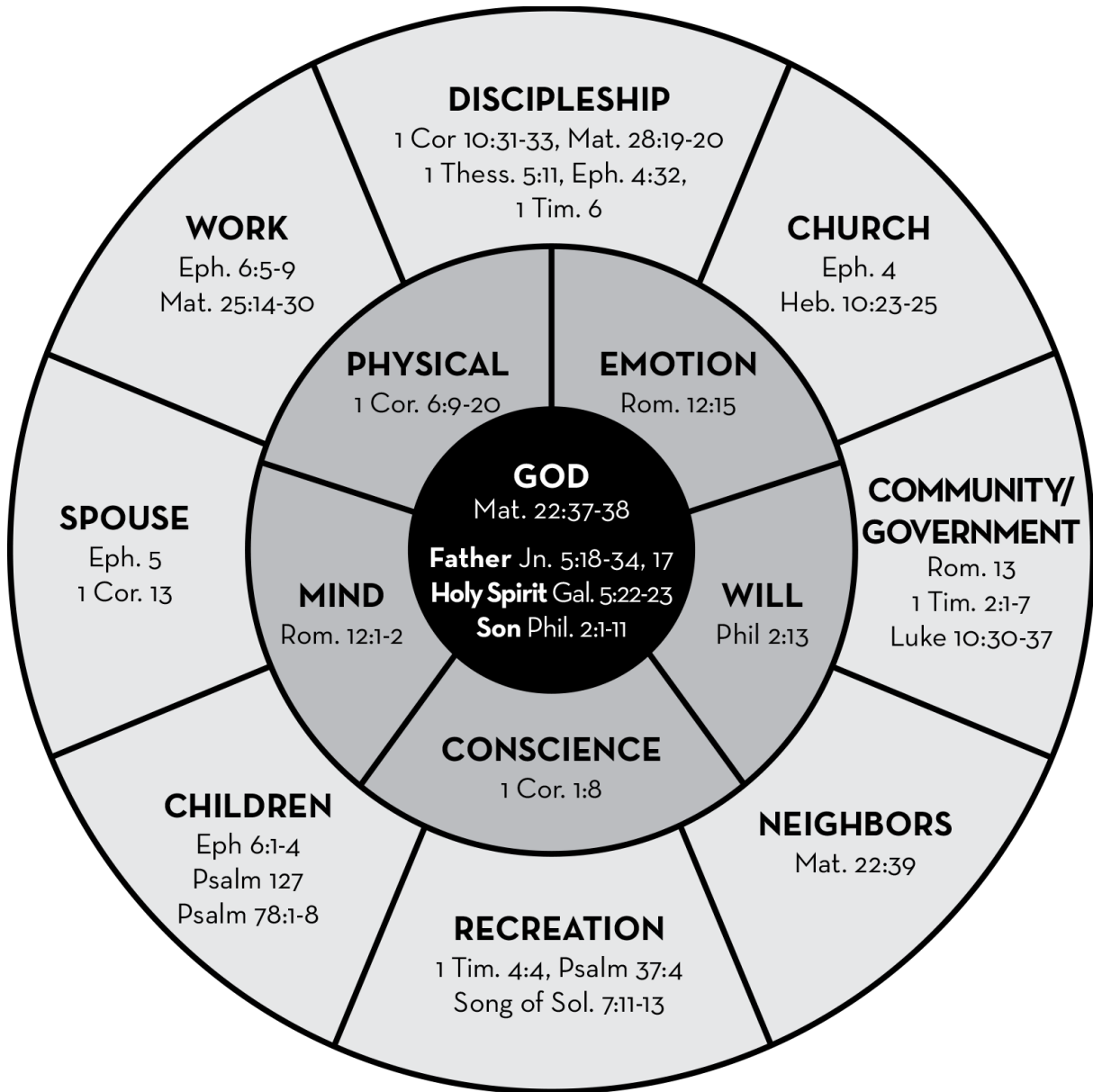
- **Rest and renew in the Word and presence of the Lord.**
“She had a sister called Mary, who was seated at the Lord’s feet, listening to His word.” Luke 10:39
Psalm 1:1-3; 37:7-8
- **Reflect on what priorities from the Lord you should choose.**
“...but only one thing is necessary, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her.”
Luke 10:42

**See the Wheel of Wisdom on back of page*

LifeGroup Discussion:

- Based on the various items in this "Wheel of Wisdom," ask and answer these two questions:
 - What are your present needs in this chart?
 - What are your prior neglects in this chart?
- Look up the passages and discuss what these verses teach regarding that priority of our lives.

Wheel of Wisdom



Next Steps:

- Join a LifeGroup for ongoing encouragement and accountability to keep your life in proper balance.** LifeGroups are ongoing small group communities that gather together throughout the week to **CONNECT** in a smaller setting, **GROW** together in our faith, and **REACH** out together to our community. Learn more at calvarylife.org/lifegroups
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