

A Few One Things John 9:25-34

We often use the expression "one thing" for sake of emphasis.

We might say, "No matter what, this one thing must be done" "I tell you one thing" "I know one thing" "Don't forget this one thing"

The expression "one thing" is used for emphasis on a variety of subjects throughout the Scriptures.

"One thing I have asked" Psalm 27:4

David desired to dwell in house of Lord, all the days of his life.

Many people would rather dwell in sin all the days of their life.

Many prefer to dwell in error rather than following truth. - **Jeremiah 5:31**

To David, it was a joyful experience to be able to worship God. It was not a boring routine. - **Psalms 122:1**

David also desired to behold the beauty of the Lord

Some desire fleshly beauty because it appeals to flesh.

Some desire beauty of nature more than God because they're fishing, hunting, hiking, or sightseeing, when they should be in worship.

David had his priorities right. He knew that a right relationship with God brought happiness. -

Psalms 144:15; 146:5

David wanted to inquire in the temple of the Lord.

Many want to inquire of professional, rather than Lord. - **Psalms 1:1-2**

Inquire of Lord by seeking know His will as revealed in Scriptures. - **James 1:25**

Where do we stand in our desire for worship?

Or, is it, I was glad when they said, "Let's go to the ball game," "...fishing" "...to the movies," or "...shopping."

Let us build more interest in spiritual things. Let us all do our part in making our worship services enjoyable and desirable.

"One thing you lack" Mark 10:17-22

He measured up unusually well.

He had kept the commandments from his youth.

He was strongly interested in gaining eternal life.

However, Jesus knew the one thing this young man needed. His problem was the love of money, wealth, and possessions.

What about us? Is there one things that we lack?

Nearly everyone has at least one problem.

If we do, the Lord would say to us, "One thing you lack."

May be habit of smoking or too many prescription drugs.

May be controlling our minds. that are too much attuned to fleshly desires, or too much thought on money, sports, or whatever.

May be lack of study of the Scriptures. Some are so ignorant of the Bible they would be embarrassed for others to know it.

May be obedience to the gospel. If you are not a Christian, certainly, the Lord would say, "One thing you lack."

"One thing I do know" John 9:25-34

This once blind man is questioned regarding things that had transpired.

Jesus of Nazareth had healed him.

The Jews accused Jesus of being a sinner.

However, the once blind man testified that he did know one thing.

He had been blind, but now he sees.

As result of this, he went on to demonstrate great faith.

Application: We may not know much about a lot of different things, but one thing we do know:

"Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God."

Being convicted of this fact, we live a life according to His will.

He is Lord of our lives. We have confessed His name. - **1Timothy 6:12; Hebrews 4:14**

We were once in darkness (blinded by sin), but now see (we have light of life) thru Jesus Christ. -
John 8:12

This one thing we know.

"But only one thing is necessary" Luke 10:38-42

Martha was trying to be a good hostess.

Complained because Mary was not helping. Jesus' reply: **Vs. 41-42.**

Mary was wise enough to see what was more important.

Mary is mentioned in three different scenes in NT, each time at feet of Jesus: here in this reading, at the anointing of Jesus' feet (**John 11:1-2; 12:3; Luke 7:36-50?**), and at the raising of Lazarus (**John 11**).

There can be no doubt that the preparing of meals is important, but not as important as feasting on the Word of God.

I read of lady who stayed home from worship to prepare meal for preacher. After hearing what she had done, preacher refused to go to her house that day. She became very angry.

Nonetheless, preacher taught her a lesson she would never forget. We admire his courage.

Many of us fail to put the Lord first in our lives.

Like Martha, we are "*worried and bothered about so many things.*" - **Luke 8:14; Philippians 4:6**

If overly concerned about worldly things, Jesus says, "One thing is needful...choose that good part, which will not be taken away."

"But one thing I do..." Philippians 3:13-14

1Corinthians 11:1; Philippians 4:9

One thing he did, forgot past and reached forward to things ahead.

When Paul wrote this, he was old and a prisoner in Rome.

Accomplished much for Lord in his life; yet still wanted to do more.

He always put forth great effort to reach the mark.

There are many things we should forget and reach forward to the goal.

Forget one's former denominational religion and follow after truth.

Forget past hurts and reach forward to love.

Forget past mistakes reach forward to righteousness.

Forget past accomplishments, reach forward to more work in Lord.

We, too, like Paul, should strive with great diligence to reach that mark. - **Luke 13:24; 2Peter 1:10-11**

Spiritual applications from a very common expression, "one thing."

"One thing I have asked" - We need to love and enjoy worship.

"One thing you lack" - We need to clean it up, whatever it is.

"One thing I do know" - We know that Jesus is God and made the worlds and we will continue to gladly confess Him in our lives.

"But only one thing is necessary" - Let us always choose that good part.

"But one thing I do" - Let us daily press toward the goal of eternal life.