In Luke 10:38-42,

MARTHA

Was / is ...

ABOVE ALL,

distracted (Luke 10:40)

(fill in the blank)



In John 11:1-12:5,

MARTHA

Was / is ...

ABOVE ALL,

a believer (John 11:21-27)

(fill in the blank)

actively seeking

human help (Lk. 10:40)

(fill in the blank)

busy but

Descriptive

actively seeking

and serving the Lord

(fill in the blank)

clearly hoping

(fill in the blank)

doing

too much (Lk. 10:41-42)

(fill in the blank)

expressing

(fill in the blank)

(fill in the blank)

Meditation

doing

God's will (John. 12:2)

(fill in the blank)

enabling

(fill in the blank)

sharply contrasted

with her less-active sister

(fill in the blank)

somehow linked to

(fill in the blank)

Same Martha, but how?

much like

her active sister, Mary

(fill in the blank)

sometimes

(fill in the blank)

speaking like

a weary hostess (10:40)

(fill in the blank)

unwise

(fill in the blank)

>

speaking like

a close follower of Jesus

(fill in the blank)

unsure

(fill in the blank)

Directions: after reading through Luke 10:38-42 and John 11:1—12:5, describe Martha by filling in the eight blank lines above using the following suggested answers: — for a miracles (John 11:21-22), her frustration (Luke 10:40), her sister's ministry (John 12:1-3), in her hosting plan (Luke 10:42), not happy (Luke 10:40-42), overlooked in John, the good Samaritan, and what Jesus would do (John 11:39). At the end of the study, discuss the most important descriptive phrases. Obviously the simplest applications are to (for the most part) avoid being like Martha in Luke but to be like her in John's Gospel. — © 2022 by Jon F. Mahar, Hakusan City, Japan and Alexander, Maine, U.S.A.