

"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.' And Jesus answered and said unto her, 'Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her." *Luke 10:40-42 KJV*



Who created all things? Controls the movements of every particle of matter? Is the fountain of all wisdom and knowledge? Obtained our eternal redemption when we were hopeless? The answer, of course, is, Jesus Christ! "*Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created. Giving thanks unto the Father...who hath...translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son...who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for him: And He is before all things, and by Him all things consist.*" Jesus bids us "*Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke (work with me) upon you, and LEARN OF ME; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.*" We somehow believe He desires us to minister to Him when He clearly states, "*The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many.*" We need not scurry about when the KING is present. We need but wait quietly at His feet, listening to, learning from, and leaning on His infinite supply of wisdom and power. What makes us believe we can do anything for Him beyond what He can do? Can you speak a star into being? He spoke them ALL into being, set their position, and maintains their courses. The sun has never failed to rise! We so often forget that Jesus said, "*Without me ye can do nothing.*" I serve Him only, because He enables me. "*It is God which worketh in you, both to will AND to do of His good pleasure.*" He is more important than any service I render. He should be my first love. All else, including life itself, is secondary to Jesus, because if I have Him, I need nothing else! "*The LORD is my Shepherd: I shall not want.*" If I would better my condition, I must lay aside self and pride and simply cling to Him, as a hurt and frightened child clings to their father. I need nothing else. Self must completely vanish into omnipotent grace and mercy. I must relinquish every frail thread of self-esteem into His majestic claim upon my life. "*For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.*" Only then will I obtain the uniqueness and individuality God intended for every son of Adam. You can't out-give God! "*I am come that they might have life...more abundantly. Whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it.*" A few years of obedience for an eternity of pleasure, or a few years of pleasure for an eternity of damnation is really a no-brainer! Those who choose present gratification over eternal pleasure deserve the torment of eternity! Satan "cumbers" you with service. He uses the "good" to prevent the best!

With much doing cumbered 'bout,  
Giving room to fret and doubt,  
Sitting still at Jesus' feet,  
Renders service all complete. ~CGP

God doesn't want us to cook for Him; He wants us to enjoy what He has prepared; to work with Him, not for Him.

"*Jesus answered and said unto him, 'If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.'* John 14:23 KJV