

# INHOSPITABLE (Luke 10) © 2010 DianaDee Osborne page 1 of 2

## LYRICS

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‘As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said.

But **Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made.** She came to him and asked, *"Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"* "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, *"you are worried and upset about many things, but **only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.**"* ‘  
-- Luke 10: 38-42

### **VERBAL INTRODUCTION:**

Don't let the title of this song, INHOSPITABLE, mislead you.  
Being inhospitable can at times be a GOOD thing.  
God does NOT always desire hospitality, for  
some other things are more important to Him.....

1

Parties are fun, but cleaning is not. The  
cooking and planning are hard if we're caught in  
details --- Perfectionist goals.... if  
hospitality pride is more  
important than people to us.

2

In Luke Chapter 10, God tells us a tale of  
two sisters giving a party full scale. For  
Jesus Himself and His friends were there, and  
hospitality became more  
important to Martha than friends.

3

Sister Mary sat down and quit helping work. She  
listened intently to Jesus's Words. And  
Martha first grumbled and then complained that  
Mary was inhospitable. So THEN  
Martha called Jesus to scold her Lord! *"Don't You  
CARE about me?!"* .....

4 (Martha, continued)

*“What’s WRONG with Mary! Didn’t she know when people come visit, you put on a show. You first clean your place before you open the door. Isn’t that hospitable? Isn’t that what God wants us for?”*

5

**NO!! WRONG!!** God wants **RELATIONSHIP**. When we work hard for God, do we ignore Him? Church work and missions and Bible teaching ARE great.... are hospitable. But that’s NOT all God wants us for. First John Chapter 4, verse 19. Psalm 46: 10, “Be STILL with God.”

### **Song Story**

First John 4: 19 tells an important story about priorities and our relationship with God, from the intriguing story of Martha heading up a party. She actually scolded Jesus for not making her sister help. Wow.

While visiting someone I dearly loved, she kept cleaning and cooking and cleaning more and continually asking me what I would like.... Her concern for me was very kind, but what I yearned for was to just sit and talk with her! That’s the basic story of Luke 10: 38 to 42.

God is of course pleased when we love Him and yearn to serve Him. But what God most wants is a close relationship with us. He began the relationship by loving us.... we continue it by, yes, being hospitable and serving Him at times, but also by Psalm 46:10 at times --- just being still and “with” God, listening to Him, being with Him.

***As Jesus firmly told Martha to do.***