



⁴¹ And Jesus answered and said unto her, **Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: ⁴² But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.**

Luke 10:41-42

**Martha in the kitchen, serving with her hands;
Occupied for Jesus, with her pots and pans.
Loving Him, yet fevered, burdened to the brim,—
Careful, troubled Martha, occupied for Him.**

**Mary on the footstool, eyes upon her Lord;
Occupied with Jesus, drinking in His word.
This the one thing needful, all else strangely dim:
Loving, resting Mary, occupied with Him.**

**So may we, like Mary, choose the better part:
Resting in His presence—hands and feet and heart;
Drinking in His wisdom, strengthened with His grace;
Waiting for the summons, eyes upon His face.**

**When it comes, we're ready, spirit, will, and nerve;
Mary's heart to worship, Martha's hands to serve;
This the rightful order, as our lamps we trim,—
Occupied with Jesus, then occupied for Him!**

Lois Reynolds Carpenter

22 Minute Church ??

Reverend Thaine Ford has succeeded in providing what many church members cherish most: a guarantee to be dismissed by noon. In fact, you can be home by noon. This pastor of the First American Baptist Church of Pensacola, Florida, has

created the "Compact Mini 22-Minute Worship Service." In just 1,320 seconds, Ford delivers an eight-minute sermon, leads in the singing of one hymn, reads scripture and has a prayer. His logic is, "It's for people whose parents made them go to church all their lives and they thought they had all the church they could

stand. Or, it's a good entry-level church for people to see if they can take religion in smaller doses." *It may be a creative way to reach the unchurched, but I fear it is the dream of too many who are already in the church.*

* Houston Post, Jan. 31, 1993, Section A



I have pains in my muscles and pains in my bones
My joints are all stiff ...when I wake, I'm all moans.
My head has been hurting for let's see, it's ten years
At times it's so bad that it brings me to tears.
But ask how I feel - I will say with a grin:
"I'm in pretty good shape - for the shape that I'm in."

My brain used to work very well, I must say -
It learned, it remembered, it didn't betray.
But now on most days, I have found it won't work -
In which case, it makes me to go quite bezerk.
But ask how I feel - I will say with a grin:
"I'm in pretty good shape - for the shape that I'm in."

Even so, I must tell you, with all of these things
I am thankful to God for the blessings He brings.
I have life, I have love, I have friends, I have Him
In most ways, my life is just filled to the brim!
So, just ask how I feel..I will say with a grin:
"I'm in pretty good shape - for the shape that I'm in."

**Our problem is that
we worship our work,
work at our play,
and
play at our worship."**

* LifeWalk, May/June, 1991; Worship by Gordon Dahl, p. 2

**"I think the
highest form
of worship
takes place
when you lead
someone to
faith in Christ."**

--Jerry Vines