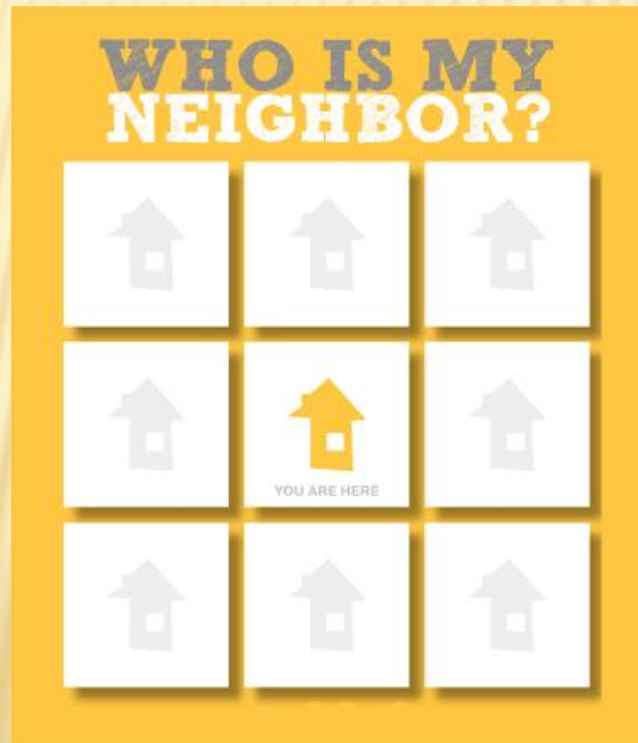




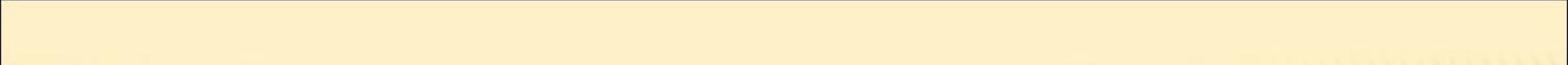
# Barriers & Hindrances

*Luke chapter 10 verses 38 to 42*



















## Hebrews chapter 12

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses *[around us]* to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down *[everything that hinders]*, especially the sin that so easily trips us up *[clings, entangles]*. And let us run with endurance *[determination]* the race God has set before us. <sup>2</sup>We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates *[pioneered]* and perfects our faith *[on whom our faith depends from beginning to end]*.



## **The four great goals of the Christian race:**

- to love God with everything we've got,
- to love our neighbour as ourselves,
- to love one another as Jesus has loved us, and
- to make disciples from all nations/be my witnesses

*the greatest commandment, the new commandment and the great commission.*

## **Three of the great barriers or hindrances**

that slow us down and trip us up in our race are:

- the time barrier,
- the fear factor and
- wrong motives.

## **The Time Barrier – “hurry sickness”**

**Lie 1.** Things will settle down someday.

**Lie 2.** More will be enough.

**Lie 3.** Everybody lives like this.

**Jesus is our model**

Hurried, Organised, Content, Relaxed, Laid-back?



## **Luke chapter 10 (CEV)**

<sup>38</sup> The Lord and his disciples were traveling along and came to a village. When they got there, a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. <sup>39</sup> She had a sister named Mary, who sat down in front of the Lord and was listening to what he said. <sup>40</sup> Martha was worried about all that had to be done [*was distracted with much serving*]. Finally, she went to Jesus and said, "Lord, doesn't it bother you that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her to come and help me!"

<sup>41</sup> The Lord answered, "Martha, Martha! You are worried and upset about so many things, <sup>42</sup> but only one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen what is best, and it will not be taken away from her."

## **1. Focusing on the main thing**

What are the main things that God has called you to do?

Where do you see God at work?

## **2. Eliminate time stealers/wasters**

What are your time wasters?

## **3. Be interruptible**

means being willing to be inconvenienced, to adjust my schedule for others.



Do I live my life at such a pace that allows me to be available to those around me; to my neighbours?

If not, are all the things I am doing more important than Jesus' great commandment to love our neighbours?

## Summary

- We hope to raise awareness of your neighbours.
- Loving our neighbours means knowing their names
- Listening is the rarest form of love.
- We do not love our neighbours to convert them;  
we love our neighbours because we are converted.