

COMPARISONS OF MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, ... with trumpets and the sound of the horn.

Psalm 98:5b,6a

The following is an excerpt from Max Lucado:

Lazarus = Trumpet, Martha = Bass Drum Mary (Michael) = flute

I believe I am a flute, (well maybe) so here is my observation of Max Lucado's comparisons.

Marys have one foot in heaven and the other on a cloud. It's not easy for them to come down to earth, but sometimes they have to. Often times they have to be reminded there are bills to be paid and classes to be taught. However, do not be harsh in a reminder as Marys, like flutes, are fragile. Marys are precious souls with tender hearts. If they have found a seat at the feet of Jesus do not ask them to leave. It would be much better to ask them to pray for you. When I find a Mary (or a Michael), I'm quick to ask, "How do I get on your prayer list?"

Every church definitely needs Marys. They are needed to pray for our children and for passion in our worship. We need these Marys to write songs of praise, sing songs of glory, kneel, weep, and lift their hands in prayer. Marys will remind us that our Father yearns to be known as a Father, realizing that there's nothing HE loves more than to have His children sit at his feet, spending time with him.

Marys must be careful to meditate often on Luke 6:46, "*Why do you call me Lord, Lord and do not do what I say?*"

Marys need to remember that service is Worship.

Marthas keep the rhythm, boom, boom, boom,, we need many Marthas --and Marthas need to remember that Worship is service.

AND...Lazarus did nothing at the dinner. He saved his actions for outside the house. Read closely John 12: 9: "*When the large crowd of the Jews learned that Jesus was there, they came, not only on account of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he raised from the dead.*" WOW!

Dear Lord, whatever my role, please anoint my life to praise and worship You!

Amen

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