Fragrant Devotion

**1. The *consistency* of Mary’s fragrant devotion**

Luke 10:38-42; John 11:32

**2. The *costliness* of Mary’s fragrant devotion**

**3. The *criticism* of Mary’s fragrant devotion**

Mark 14:3-5

**4. The *commendation* of Mary’s fragrant devotion**

Mark 14:8-9

**Application.** A fragrant life—

**A. Is pleasing to the *Lord***

Leviticus 1:9, 13, 17 & frequently; Ephesians 5:2;

Romans 12:1-2

**B. Is pleasing to *believers***

2 Corinthians 2:14-15

**C. Is offensive to the *world***

2 Corinthians 2:15-16

What is a fragrant life? One that is

*Christ centered* & *wholly devoted to Him*

**For Private Meditation or Family Discussion**

1. How did the Lord speak to you through the message? Did He put His finger on any habits or attitudes that you need to change? Did He encourage you regarding some difficulty, move you to undertake some new challenge, or open your heart to some truth you hadn’t seen before?

2. What are the things in your life that you like, the things you want to keep for yourself, the things you are afraid to pour out in devotion to Christ because you think He might take them away?

3. What are the sore points in your life—the things, or the people, or the situations that irritate you. Are you willing to lay your right to be frustrated and irritable on the altar? Are you willing to sacrifice your pet peeves to Christ for them to be burned up? (We know, of course, that you are right, and those other people are wrong.)

4. What would help you to become more wholly devoted to Christ? What would Mary’s level of devotion look like in your life?

5. Other passages in which sacrificial imagery is applied to the Christian life include—

Philippians 1:17

2 Timothy 4:6

Hebrews 13:15-16