Majoring in Minors
Matt. 23:23-24

Introduction:
A. A farmer told new farm hand to grease his wagon. Farmhand greased everything but the axle.
B. Pharisees “neglected weigher matters” by focusing on little things. Focused on gnat forgot camel.
   1. Should not have ignored little things — “these things you ought to have done...”
   2. Often not right versus wrong, necessary versus unnecessary — but matter of perspective.
C. Martha was so focused on serving that she missed “one thing ... needed.” (Lk. 10:30-42).
D. All the above majored in minors. There are areas where we may major in minors.

Discussion:
I. In Operating Our Homes.
   A. By putting housekeeping above home-keeping.
      1. Whole family benefit from hospitality at home (cf. Rom. 12:13; 1 Tim. 3:2)
      2. The Lord’s cause furthered by use of the home (Acts 16:15)
   B. When it comes family health and welfare.
      1. Food: Physical important, spiritual more important. (John 6:27)
      2. Exercise: Bodily profits — godliness profits more. (1 Tim. 4:8)
      3. Education: Secular knowledge and training needed — spiritual needed more.
II. In Preaching and Teaching.
   A. Style above substance - manner above material - delivery above delivered - Messenger above message - attitude above aptitude.
   B. What is taught is major consideration. (John 8:24; Acts 20:27; 2 Tim. 4:1-4; Phil. 1:18).
III. In Worshiping the Lord.
   A. Emphasis on performance, atmosphere, comfort, place, etc. — all good and helpful.
   B. Major consideration should worshiping in spirit and truth. (John 4:24).
IV. In Choosing a Local Church.
   A. Christians are to be members of a local church (cf. Acts 9:26-28).
   B. Christians sometimes major in minors in choosing congregations.
      1. Too much attention to:
         a. Socio-economic, numerical, peer make-up of the church.
         b. Impressive facilities and organized activities.
      2. Too little attention to:
         a. Scriptural and spiritual considerations.
         b. Where can I (and my family) do the most good? (Matt. 10:28; Phil. 2:4).
V. In Working to “Making Disciples.”
   A. Baptism is important and essential to making disciples. (Matt. 28:18-20).
      1. Saves (1 Pet. 3:21)
      3. Puts one into Christ and the church (Rom. 6:3; 1 Cor. 12:13)
   B. Even here it is possible to major in minors by making baptism “the thing.”
      1. Too little emphasis on repentance (Lk. 24:47; Acts 17:30; 2 Pet. 3:9).
      2. Too little emphasis on teaching to “observe all things” — commitment.
      3. Too little emphasis on the life to follow baptism (Rom. 6:1-4).

Conclusion:
A. Let us learn to put the emphasis where it needs to be in all things
B. Let us seek to bring believers to repentance, then baptize them.