

A Heart Like Mary, Mother of Jesus

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Mary, the mother of Jesus is well known and highly regarded. She is spoken about a lot during the Christmas season. However, we would all do well to follow her godly example throughout the New Year, for Mary had a special heart for God.

Read Luke 1:26-49

- ❑ **Mary had a blessed heart, for the Lord was with her.** *"Rejoice highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women" (Luke 1:28, NKJV).*

Is my heart blessed with God's presence? *"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you" (James 4:8, NKJV).*

- ❑ **Mary had a submissive heart.** *"Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38, NKJV).*

Is my heart submissive to God? *"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (James 4:7, NKJV).*

- ❑ **Mary had a believing heart.** *"Blessed is she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord" (Luke 1:4, NKJV).*

Do I believe in my heart that all things are possible with God? *Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes" (Mark 9:2, NKJV).*

- ❑ **Mary had a rejoicing heart.** *"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior" (Luke 1:46, 47, NKJV).*

Does my heart rejoice in God? *"Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands! Serve the Lord with gladness; Come before His presence with singing... For the Lord is good...." (Psalm 100:1,2, and 5a, NKJV).*

- ❑ **Mary had a grateful heart.** *"For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant.... For He who is mighty has done great thing for me, and holy is His name" (Luke 1:48,49, NKJV).*

Do I have a grateful heart? *"In everything give thanks" (I Thessalonians 5:18, NKJV).*

Mary loved God wholeheartedly. Do you? Will you join me in returning to Him in wholehearted worship this New Year? *"Then I will give them a heart to know Me, that I am the Lord: and they shall be My people, and I will be their God, for they shall return to Me with their whole heart (Jeremiah 24:7, NKJV).*