

4. Listed below are some of the qualities of Mary's life. From the above passages find the verses that reveal these qualities.

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submissive

obedient

faithful

selfless

quiet

surrendered/yielded

worshipper

blessed

5. What spiritual quality in Mary's life impresses you the most? Why?

6. What one thing will you change, from this point forward, to grow in each of these qualities?

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Are you willing to make the necessary changes?

Read Luke 1:5-25

7. Compare Zacharias' response with Mary's response to the angel's announcement.

11. *How has the Lord used you in another's life to bring confirmation or encouragement to them?*

A. *If that hasn't happened in a while will you stop and ask the Lord to make you sensitive to His leading in this and add it to your daily prayer list?*

12. *Reread verses 46-55. List Mary's adoration for the Lord, such as "He is mighty", etc. Take a few moments and praise Him for the good things He has done for you!*

13. Review Luke 2:1-20. Look up the word *pondered* in the dictionary and write out its meaning.

14. When the Lord brings hard circumstances into your life, do you take the time to ponder them or do you hunt every other resource to figure it out?

Read Matthew 1:18-25. Notice how Mary did not take matters into her own hands but allowed the Lord to work in Joseph's heart to confirm His plan.

15. Often times as Christians, as we submit our lives to God, we expect a walk in a rose garden; Mary's path lead her to the foot of the cross. Retrace her steps of surrender and record them here. (example: she surrendered her body and will to the Lord)

16. Look back upon your life and retrace your steps of surrender. List five areas of your life where you surrendered in obedience to the Lord.

17. From Mary's life, what have you learned about God's:

Love

Mercy

Grace

Faithfulness

Peace

Close your time of study by singing this hymn to the Lord.

I Surrender All

*All to Jesus I surrender,
All to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him,
In His presence daily live.*

*I surrender all, I surrender all,
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.*