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Her Character, Choices, and Conduct

We started a study of Mary this past Wednesday, and we will finish today.

Here is a response from a young lady.

Sent: Wednesday, August 7, 2019 8:49 PM

Subject: Thank You

Dear Pastor,

Thank you so much for the study on Mary tonight! It thrilled my soul with renewed zeal. Her passion for the LORD was undeniable! It convicts me greatly, and I look forward very much to the rest of the slides! Is it possible to go over more in Sunday's second service?

Mary is an incredible woman, and I want to be more like her! All the "business" and distractions of this life steal the joy and pure love I should have for the Lord. I remember a time talking so openly with Him, it was as if He was sitting in the passenger seat of my car. He was in my every thought and motive. He was the only One I lived and breathed for! Every morning spent in devotions was never long enough... all I wanted was to read and find more (THE MOST) about His character. I was completely in love with Him and Who He is! Forget date night..... every day was date day!! ;) Mary had that joy of knowing Him, and it was evident in her excellent "psalm" she said to Elisabeth. Thank You, Blessed GOD, for your Holy Spirit and conviction He gives. Forgive me for losing first love!

He is worthy of our best esteem!

POSSESSED of Him, I wish no more! He is an ALL-SUFFICIENT store! To PRAISE HIM, all my powers CONSPIRE! CHRIST is the TREASURE I desire!

May the Lord continue to multiply the efforts you put into tonight. THANK YOU!!

P.S. After a summer dissecting each word of "Jesus Is All I Wish or Want" in my journal, my favorite is "Possessed." Thank you.

I am alive to labor for those who want
to love and live for God and His Son.

As a church, we have studied some great women in the Bible recently.

Deborah and Jael

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Great Woman of Shunem

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Power Couples

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If we want a Bible role model for our girls, how can anyone exceed Mary?

God's divine stamp of approval on her life is far above all other women.

This study is to show our girls and young ladies that we appreciate them and desire their greatness.

The content, pictures, and vocabulary were chosen to draw girls' attention.

Parents could or should take the slides and use them again with daughters.

But the content, pictures, and vocabulary should also convict older men up to 89 or so.

As a church, we are nine chapters into
the expository preaching of Isaiah.

Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Isaiah 7:14

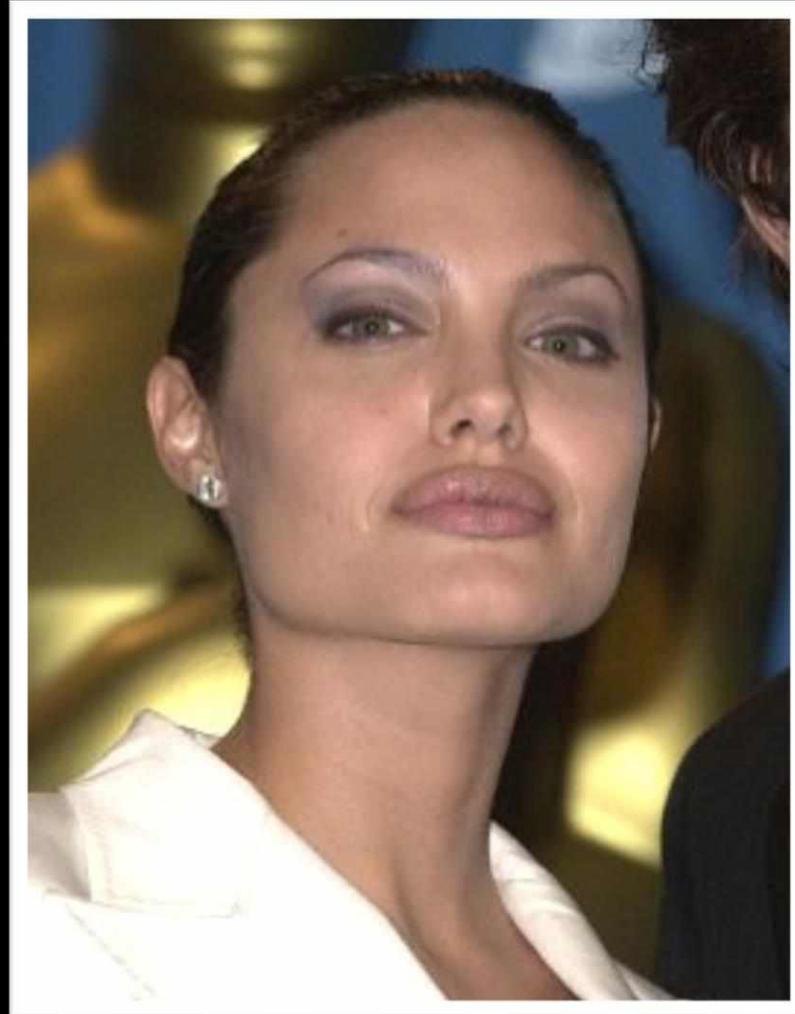
For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

As a church, we were warned against
haughty women and looks in Isaiah 3.

Haughty

- Not meek and quiet
- Conceited and proud
- Saucy and snotty
- Thinks she is something
- Prone to selfies for fun



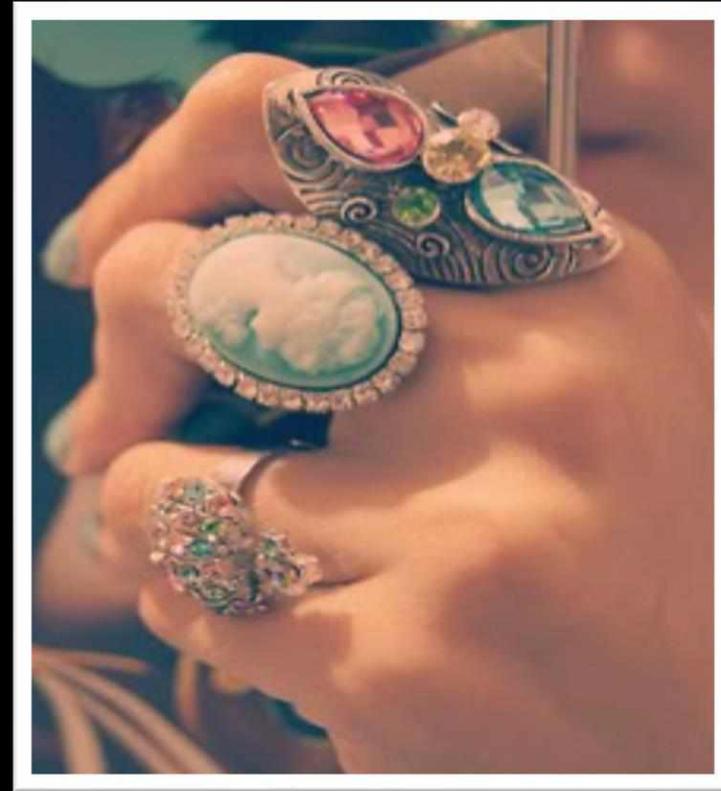
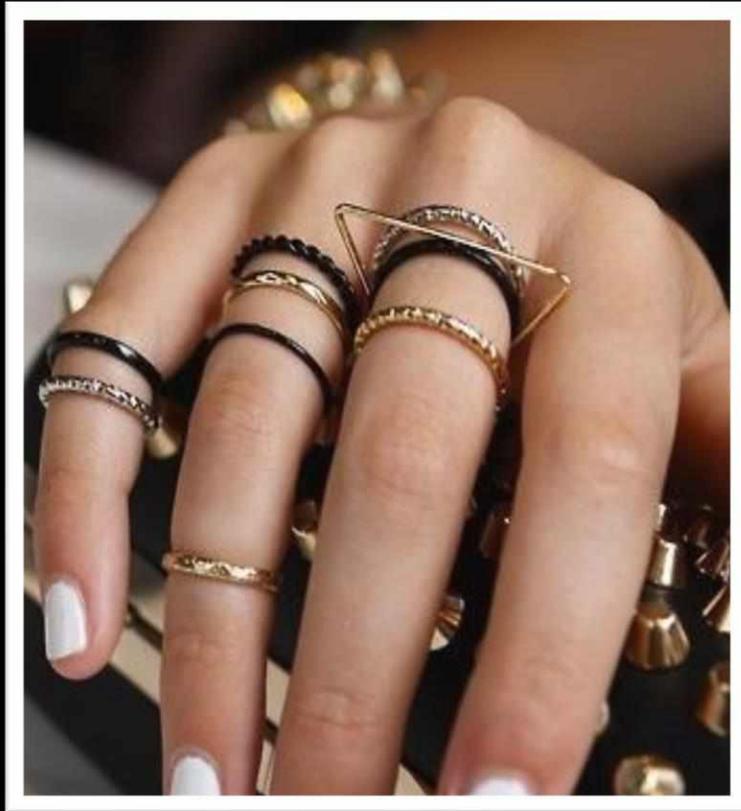
Tinkling Feet Ornaments



Bracelets



Rings



Mary was the opposite of these
haughty and wicked women.

Let us study Mary.

There are many Marys in the Bible,
but we want the mother of our Lord.

There are six Marys in the Bible.

Mary of Rome

Mary of Bethany

Mary Magdalene

Mary, mother of Mark

Mary, mother of James

Mary the mother of Jesus

We have studied her saving childbirth.

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We blasted Mariolatry 15 years ago.

We need not do it again here.

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Let us study Mary.

For practical and spiritual traits, without
twisting scripture, for girls to learn and do.

Let us study Mary.

We will assume and include Bible traits of virtuous women; she was virtuous to God.

Let us study Mary.

Paul, James, Peter gave examples of Sarah,
Rahab, and other women for role models.

By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace.

Hebrews 11:31

Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way?

James 2:25

5 For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:

6 Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.

I Peter 3:5-6

Girls and young ladies should take in every trait as goals for their lives now.

Young men should learn the traits for
character and conduct of great wives.

Parents should consider the traits as goals for godly, valuable child training.

Mary Trait ... #1

Hate the Catholic Mary. The RCC has ruined Bible story books, pictures, cards, and most minds about Mary.

5 And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY,
BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND
ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

Revelation 17:5

Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

I Timothy 4:1

Satan led the RCC to teach these lies:

Mary's parents were Joachim and Anne

Anne conceived Mary immaculately

Mary was sinless her whole life

Mary was a perpetual virgin

Mary is also Redeemer

Mary ascended.

Rosary.

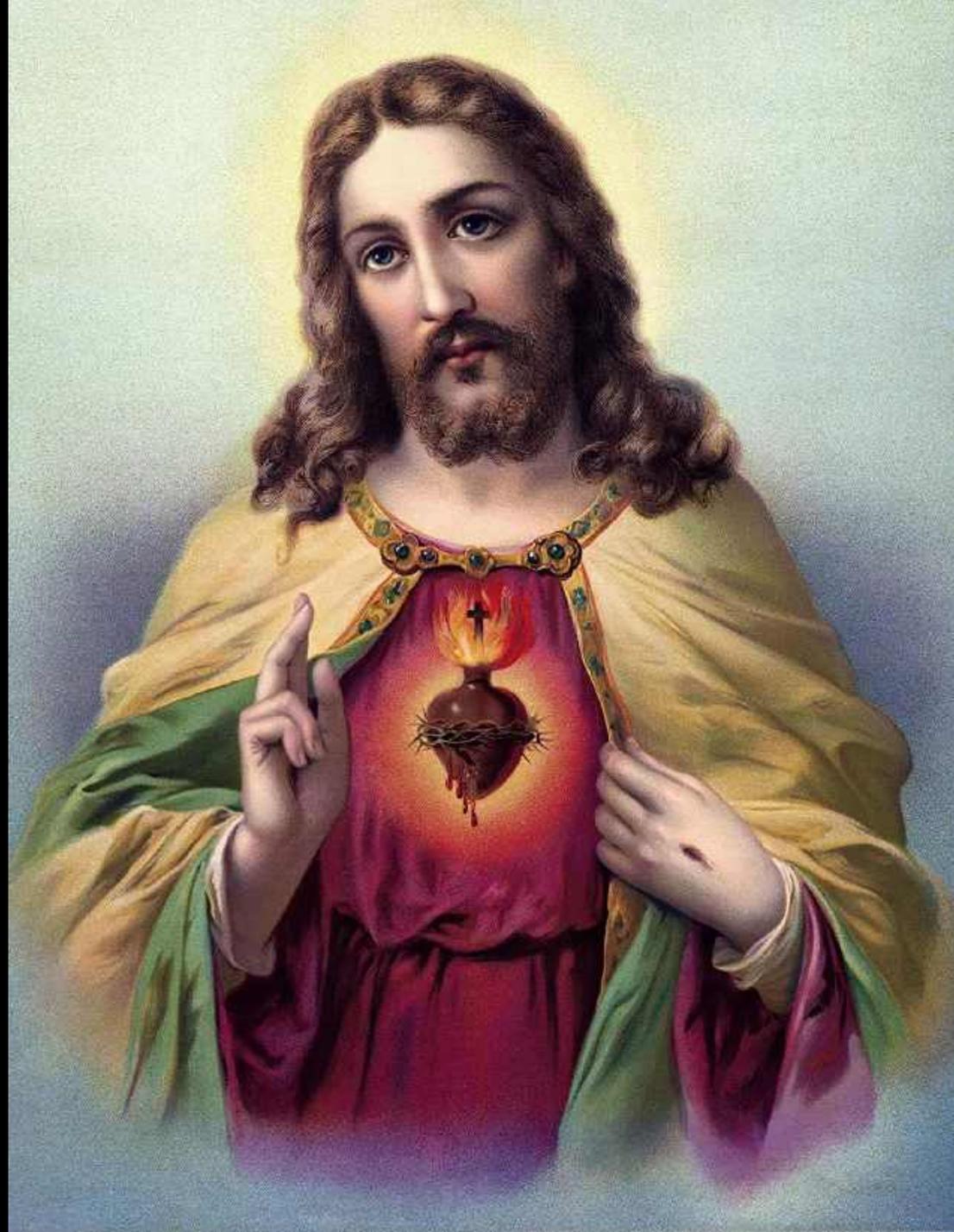
Can you imagine Mary's holy wrath
about these monstrous lies of Rome?

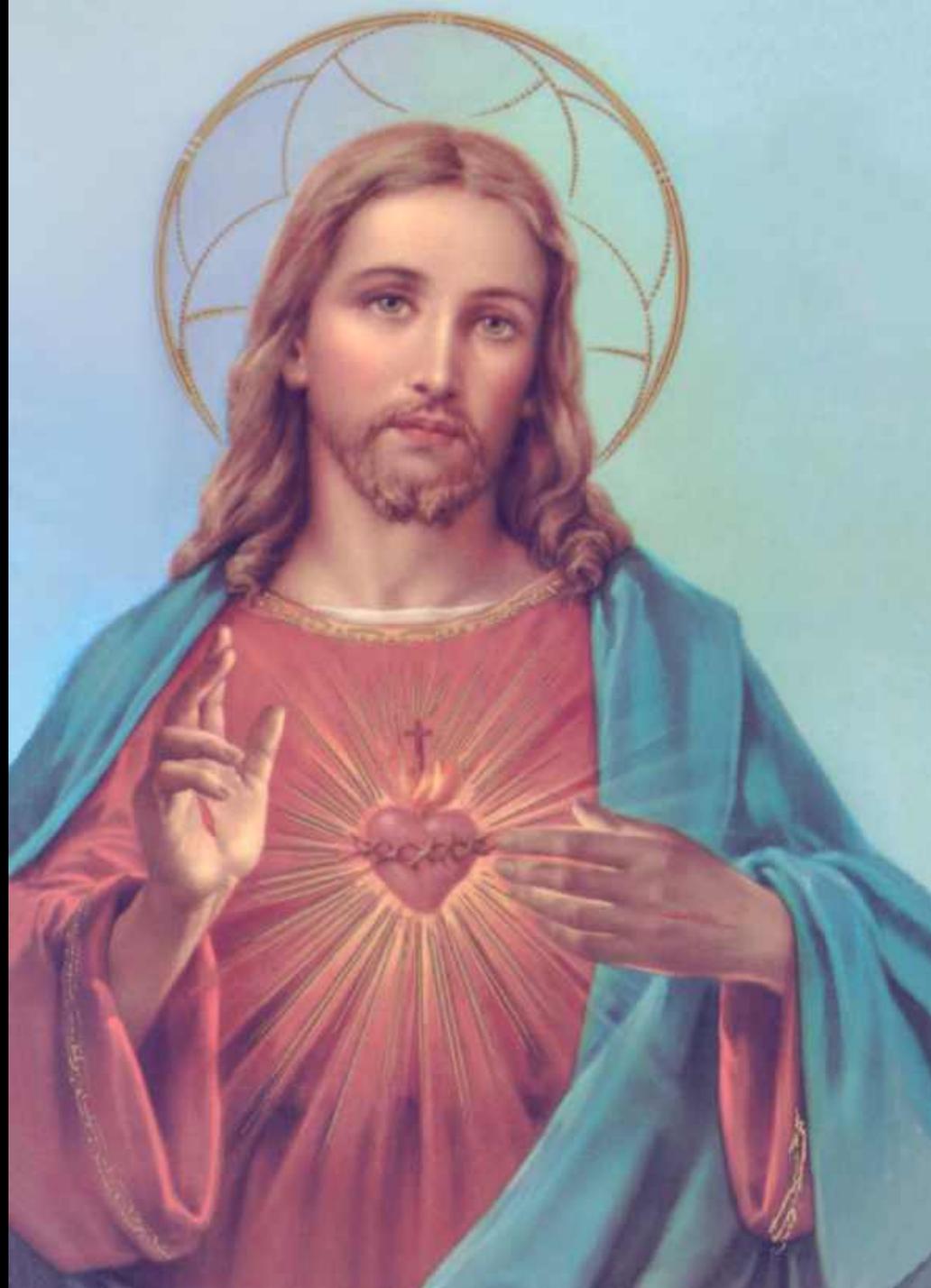
Mary = Miriam

Danced for joy and sang praises for
drowned Egyptians at her feet!

Satan led the RCC to mock and shame
Jesus by sick pictures, why not Mary?







The following pictures are the
Satanic RCC perverse idea of Mary.









Catholic girls have long been trained
to grow up to be like Mary ... this way:









Here is a generalized idea of what the
real Mary may have looked like.











Mary Trait ... #2

She was about 15. Girls back then were more mature, better trained, and their Biblical culture encouraged it.

Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth.

Proverbs 5:18

But if any man think that he behaveth himself uncomely toward his virgin, if she pass the flower of her age, and need so require, let him do what he will, he sinneth not: let them marry.

I Corinthians 7:36

Most research will indicate she was likely 12, but we will go with 15, since most 12-year-olds today act about 9, except when carefully trained better.

The average age today for women in their first marriage is 27, which is a 12-year gap from our Mary.

This trait helps teen girls know they can be great even while young, if they choose to live like Mary.

This trait helps parents know there is
a very different way to train girls
than how our culture does it.



Mary Trait ... #3

She feared God. All that is written about Mary proves she had an *independent* fear and love of God Jehovah.

And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.

Luke 1:28

And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

Luke 1:38

46 And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord,
47 And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

Luke 1:46-47

Only a girl that deeply fears and loves
God would receive praise like that
from heaven or respond as she did.

Neither God nor Joseph would have cared about Mary if she did not fear and love the Lord more than others.

God exalted and promoted Mary from
obscurity to blessed greatness like He
raised David up from the sheepcote.

The most important thing about any girl is if she fears and loves God.

And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul,

Deuteronomy 10:12

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.

Ecclesiastes 12:13

Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.

Proverbs 31:30

The most important trait about any girl is if she fears and loves God.

What does fear and love
of God look like?

I am glad you asked.



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(To be completed by parents)

Proven fear of God, love of God, trust in Scripture, delight in the Lord, love of the truth, fellowship with Christ, zeal for worship, complete conversion, hatred of sin and the world, willing to learn and change, confident of eternal life, baptized, lives by faith, loves strong preaching, no fear of peers, honors her parents, loves prayer, holy, despises man's wisdom, spiritually minded, hates false ways, humble, craves instruction, evangelistic, wise, intolerant of sin, etc.

Virtuous

[Prov 31:10-31](#)

Great character, good name, wonderful person, chaste, highly respected, praiseworthy, moral, confident, decent, good

Gracious

[Prov 11:16](#)

Courteous, charming, pleasing, polite, kind, condescending, compassionate, thoughtful, sweet, agreeable, discreet, gentle

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Hard working, persistent, focused, intense, high-energy, doesn't procrastinate, fast, thorough, accomplished, eager, strong



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Fail	
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Girls!

Think about Mary and her fear
and love of God very hard.

The true fear and love of God must be

INDEPENDENT

of parents, siblings, friends, or pastor.

INDEPENDENT

You do not fear or love God because of outside influences or persons but you choose Him for yourself.

INDEPENDENT

You buy in or own it.
You fully commit to it.
You make it your own.
You claim it for yourself.

INDEPENDENT

Not for parents.

Not for siblings.

Not for family.

Not for friends.

Not for pastor.

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INDEPENDENT

If parents, siblings, family, friends, and pastor all turned against you, it would not matter, you would still fear and love God supremely for the rest of your life. Period.

INDEPENDENT

Mary independently feared and loved God.

We do not read even a slight hint about her parents, siblings, friends, or pastor.

There is no record of any fear or need of others. She had independent fear and love of God.

Girls!

Think about Mary and her fear
and love of God very hard.

Are you committed like she was?



Mary Trait ... #4

She was a country girl. The Galileans were despised as backwoods, redneck, under-educated, bad dialect, etc.

26 And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,

27 To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

Luke 1:26-27

We will not do much with her name.

Mary = Miriam = obstinate, rebellious.

But she danced for joy and sang praises
for drowned Egyptians at her feet!

We could say that no matter what
your first or last name might be,
you can still be like Mary!

You need not be rich, smart, cool,
educated, or fancy to be a great
girl in the sight of God and men.

We can say that Mary came from the other side of the tracks, but that did not hinder her at all from being great.



Mary Trait ... #5

She was a virgin. She had not had sex with a guy. God does not want girls to have sex until they are married.

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Luke 1:26-27

Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Isaiah 7:14

Do not let guys touch you until you are married. It is foolish to flirt with guys. You lose with God and men.

Virginity is a great gift for you to give
God and your husband, and both
will honor you for it.

Though engaged to Joseph for some time, she did not have sex with him, though fully contracted to him.

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

Matthew 1:18

If you are not a virgin, humble and sincere repentance is enough to clear you with God and men, and then you can be like Mary in all other ways.

If you feel ruined by sexual sin, find
the four women in Jesus' ancestors –

all were sinners or from a sinful nation.

Matthew 1:1-6



Mary Trait ... #6

She was engaged. She was not afraid of marriage. She knew it was God's ordinary and good plan for women.

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Luke 1:26-27

Espousal or betrothal in the Bible is
the same as our engagement custom:

the promise to marry at a future date.

Engagement was very serious in
the Bible and never done lightly.

Mary rejected our modern errors of resenting submission to a man or thinking she needed to have fun for 12 years before marriage.

Mary's father likely helped her pick this Joseph, for girls know little about guys, get emotionally confused, and it was the Bible custom of that culture.

But if any man think that he behaveth himself uncomely toward his virgin, if she pass the flower of her age, and need so require, let him do what he will, he sinneth not: let them marry.

I Corinthians 7:36

16 And if a man entice a maid that is not betrothed, and lie with her, he shall surely endow her to be his wife.

17 If her father utterly refuse to give her unto him, he shall pay money according to the dowry of virgins.

Exodus 22:16-17

A wise girl trusts her father – who knows guys and men better than she does – and who wants her happiness over the next sixty years of her life.



Mary Trait ... #7

She married a cousin. A distant cousin by their father David! She did not need a cool dude from Jerusalem.

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27 To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

Luke 1:26-27

There are two genealogies of Jesus.

Joseph's in Matthew 1 ... Mary's in Luke 3.

Both from David and Bathsheba (Solomon and Nathan).

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The lesson here is not marrying relatives like Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob but for known faith and virtue.

The lesson here is her contentment to marry a local man rather than look for some fantasy man that does not exist.

The important traits in a husband are independent fear of God, love of Christ, and dedication to Bible living.

<http://www.letgodbetrue.com/bible/practical/rate-a-date-men.php>

Joseph clearly had these traits, for the Bible commends him, and he obeyed every angel and dream sent to him.

Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily.

Matthew 1:19

Christian girls do not fall for foolish traits that worldly girls seek like looks, coolness, popularity, money, car, etc.

Mary's father likely helped her pick this Joseph, for girls know little about guys, get emotionally confused, and it was the Bible custom of that culture.



Mary Trait ... #8

God loved her. He delighted in her like He did David,
for He chose her for the greatest favor and blessing.

28 And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.

30 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.

Luke 1:28-30

God sent an angel to her, just like we
read of Micaiah, just like every child
has, and just like David trusted.

And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto
a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,

Luke 1:26

This put her in the company of
Jacob, Daniel, Peter, and others.

This should be every girl's first goal –
to grow in favor with God Himself – to
walk with God and have Him with her.

Walking with God is an intimate and personal friendship by holy living, prayer and meditation, and praise.

Few Christian girls care about their souls or to walk with God, for they are earthly minded belly worshippers.

18 (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:

19 Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.)

Philippians 3:18-19

Mary was not average, or God would not have shown her special favor and blessings. Be the best, and do not settle for average.

It is a choice to grow in favor with God
and men and have a great name,
or reputation, with both.

A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold.

Proverbs 22:1

For God to love you ... have a vision of
God and delight in Him more than
anything or anyone else.

Such a girl talks to God often, does everything as to Him, and no person or thing gets between her and Him.



Jonathan Edwards (20; teacher at Yale) wrote this about **Sarah Pierpont** (13; pastor's daughter)

They say there is a young lady in New Haven who is beloved of that Great Being, who made and rules the world, and that there are certain seasons in which this Great Being, in some way or other invisible, comes to her and fills her mind with exceeding sweet delight, and that she hardly cares for anything, except to meditate on him—that she expects after a while to be received up where he is, to be raised up out of the world and caught up into heaven; being assured that he loves her too well to let her remain at a distance from him always. There she is to dwell with him, and to be ravished with his love and delight forever.

Therefore, if you present all the world before her, with the richest of its treasures, she disregards it and cares not for it, and is unmindful of any pain or affliction. She has a strange sweetness in her mind and singular purity in her affections; is most just and conscientious in all her conduct; and you could not persuade her to do anything wrong or sinful, if you would give her all the world, lest she should offend this Great Being.

She is of a wonderful sweetness, calmness and universal benevolence of mind; especially after this Great God has manifested himself to her mind. She will sometimes go about from place to place, singing sweetly; and seems to be always full of joy and pleasure; and no one knows for what. She loves to be alone, walking in the fields and groves, and seems to have some one invisible always conversing with her.

For God and others to love you ...
learn graciousness and show it
at all times to all persons.

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For God and others to love you ...
learn diligent service to others
and always put them first.

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Mary Trait ... #9

She was brave. She analyzed what Gabriel said instead of thinking she would die like Samson's father had.

And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.

Luke 1:29

Angels were often intimidating, but
Mary was moved to reflection by
his words, not by his appearance.

Cast in her mind

To revolve in one's mind, debate with oneself, consider, ponder, deliberate.

Most girls, especially those today,
would have been terrified by a
stranger surprising them.

Christian women should be brave, for
fear can get them into trouble by
intimidation from others.

Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.

I Peter 3:61:29

Virtuous girls are brave.

They are righteous.

They trust in God.

They have experience.

The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion.

Proverbs 28:1

So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

Hebrews 13:6

3 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;

4 And patience, experience; and experience, hope:

5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

Romans 5:3-5

Girls like Mary are totally unlike the prissy, doll-like RCC mockery ... they are feminine counterparts to David.

Mary was a brave woman!

Unafraid of giving birth at only 15.

Walked 75 miles, 9 months pregnant.

She was not afraid of spontaneous labor.

Gave birth in a barn with a crib for Jesus.

Took her newborn to a foreign country.

Girls like Mary are strong!

They can complete big projects, dirty projects, and complicated projects.
They are not intimidated.

Girls like Mary are strong!

They never skip chores or miss school or church for a headache or the sniffles.

Not a chance, not ever!

How do we best know the brave
competence of godly women?

By reading Proverbs 31:10-31, which is
totally contrary to the RCC idea.

<http://www.letgodbettrue.com/proverbs/proverbs.php?chapter=31>



Mary Trait ... #10

She was inquisitive. She believed the angel, but she wanted to learn how it would be, for she was a virgin.

Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?

Luke 1:34

She believed Gabriel, unlike Zacharias,
but wanted to know more, for she
was intelligent, not a mannequin.
Her question was not wrong.

She understood conception and birth
and could discuss how with Gabriel
without prissy embarrassment.

Bible women were real.
They were not prudish.
A godly culture is real.
The Bible is very real.

Virtuous women want to learn to be great women. The older ones are to teach the younger ones.



Mary Trait ... #11

She was humble. She did not presume to be special by her exceptional role. She called herself a lowly slave.

And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

Luke 1:38

She was not haughty or proud, though favored by God over all other women.

I am the Lord's servant, she said.

She called herself a *handmaiden of low estate* when she met Elisabeth.

In many traits, she was like David.
Remember how he answered
Saul after killing Goliath.



Mary Trait ... #12

She was submissive. She embraced God's plan for her life, ignoring its obvious complications and difficulties.

And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

Luke 1:38

Mary was totally submissive to God's will, though strange and life-altering, and no one had done it before or after.

Let's do it! she said.

She was like Paul, who said,

Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?

All she had to do was become
pregnant by God's power
working in her womb.

All she had to do was be an unmarried
mother in a society where it got
the death penalty.

All she had to do was explain to
Joseph she was pregnant
but no other guy.

Compare her to Moses who tried every which way to avoid his call.

The Bible and a true church will ask you to live differently from the world.

Will you obey God or be fearful of losing pleasures and/or friends?



Mary Trait ... #13

She was zealous. Gabriel told her that cousin Elisabeth was pregnant, so she went 75 miles as fast as possible.

And Mary arose in those days, and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Juda;

Luke 1:39



She did not worry she was not invited.
She wanted to see another miracle.
She wanted to share God's praise.

So she walked/ran to Judea.
She likely went by herself.

She knew how to salute Elisabeth.
Israelites saluted this way:

The LORD bless thee.
The LORD be with thee.

What relative taught her these?

Mary was not a wallflower like so many Christian girls. She had great energy and used it in many ways.

Wallflower ... a girl that sits or stands by and does not engage in activity or conversation with those around.

Godly women are meek and quiet in marriage and in church assemblies.

But they negotiate with commercial real estate agents and merchants!

Godly women are bold to speak:

**God's law to their children
To teach younger women
If husbands are wrong
When praying to God
If appealing for help**



Mary Trait ... #14

She believed God. Elizabeth was inspired by the Holy Ghost to know Mary had believed the impossible.

And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord.

Luke 1:45

Elisabeth's husband had not believed,
so he was deaf and dumb 9 months.

Without faith it is impossible to please
God, but Mary had great faith.

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Hebrews 11:6

If Paul had included N.T. heroes in the Hall of Faith, Mary would be there.

Mary believed the impossible – she would be pregnant yet still a virgin.

Girls should believe the Bible no matter what others say against it.

Believing Bible study always gives God
the benefit of the doubt in apparent
contradictions or difficulties.



Mary Trait ... #15

She praised God. Mary's first response was to praise God, not talk about herself or coming difficulties.

And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord,

Luke 1:46

Mary was all about God, not herself.

Most girls usually talk about themselves
and their little irrelevant problems.

A great girl like Mary gives God all the glory for everything and seldom or never talks about herself.

She magnified God.

She did not magnify herself, like the RCC,
though she was highly blessed.

She knew the Bible called her tongue
her glory, for it should be used to give
God glory and praise Him to others.

Psalm 16:9; 30:12; 57:8; 108:1



Mary Trait ... #16

She was joyful. Mary's second response was gladness to glorify God for His power saving her from obscurity.

And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

Luke 1:47

Mary had a spirit that was full of joy.

Her joy was in God's great work that she did not deserve as a lowly servant.

The context indicates her words are more about God promoting her than saving her soul from sin and hell.

Mary was full of joy in her heart or spirit, which produced verbal praise.

A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.

Proverbs 15:13

For girls to be like Mary, they need to
have a joyful spirit for all the Lord
has done for them.

Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy
Ghost.

Romans 15:13

In a sinful world, things go wrong, but
God is still faithful, and He has never
done wrong, so reject a broken spirit.

A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit
drieth the bones.

Proverbs 17:22

The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity; but a wounded spirit
who can bear?

Proverbs 18:14

A cheerful, happy spirit is one of the most beautifying traits a girl can have.



Mary Trait ... #17

She was God's trophy. She knew she was unworthy but glorified God for how He would show His power in her.

48 For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

49 For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name.

Luke 1:48-49

Mary called herself a handmaiden or domestic servant again but added low estate to it this time.

Mary knew that God's great power
would be glorified through
her pregnancy.

Most girls use negative circumstances to justify discouragement or quitting, but great girls use them for His glory.

And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

II Corinthians 12:9

Notice how Mary said that God's
name was holy, not her name!

But RCC girls and nuns say ten
Hail Marys for every *Our Father*.



Mary Trait ... #18

She was scriptural. Her great testimony to Elisabeth was full of scripture and doctrine, though only 15.

50 And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation.

51 He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

52 He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree.

53 He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.

54 He hath holpen his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy;

55 As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever.

Luke 1:50-55

Elisabeth was inspired for insight of
Mary, but not Mary for her words.

And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost:

Luke 1:41

There is another great woman in the Bible that could and did talk like this.

Hannah

I Samuel 2:1-10

For a girl to know these things and think and speak this way, she must pay attention in church, read, think, and talk to others about the truth.

Guys! When you perceive a girl like this, get your father and her father and ask for a date or more!



Mary Trait ... #19

She was sober. Her serious speech and outlook on life reflected God and His salvation here and in eternity.

46 And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord,
47 And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

Luke 1:46-47

Other than questions when Jesus was 12 and 30, all the words of Mary are to Gabriel and Elisabeth in Luke 1.

Her affection was on things above,
rather than the carnal things of earth.

Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

Colossians 4:2

There was nothing foolish or giddy about Mary or her speech, for she was sober as young women should be.

That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,

Titus 2:4

Girls should hate foolish talking and
jesting as two sins God will judge.

3 But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;

4 Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.

Ephesians 5:3-4



Mary Trait ... #20

She was mature. Only 15 years old, yet she knew how to connect with this holy, 60-year-old wife of a priest.

And Mary abode with her about three months, and returned to her own house.

Luke 1:56

Guests can be tiring after a few hours,
let alone a few days, but this teenager
was in Elisabeth's home 3 months!

One way to measure maturity is if older, wise women want you around.

It is highly unlikely Elisabeth used the mother of her Lord as just a servant.

If you cannot hold a conversation with
an older woman and contribute now
and then, you need to grow up.

Standing around always quiet, like a mute wallflower, helps no one. Make yourself useful by words and service.

Girls should not interrupt, presume on,
or correct older women, like Elihu
waited for old men to speak.

If you hang around your age all the time, you will be too ignorant and inexperienced to be great.

He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.

Proverbs 13:20

4 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,

5 To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

Titus 2:4-5



Mary Trait ... #21

She was courteous. She stayed with Elisabeth for three months but left around John's birth to go her 75 miles.

And Mary abode with her about three months, and returned to her own house.

Luke 1:56

Just think!

She could have stayed until her own birth of Jesus to make an even bigger splash after John's birth. She did not!

Be discrete!

Overstaying a visit is a clueless way to mark yourself socially dysfunctional and lose friends for the future.

Withdraw thy foot from thy neighbour's house; lest he be weary of thee, and so hate thee.

Proverbs 25:17



Mary Trait ... #22

She was honest. She did not hide her pregnancy from Joseph, but she let it be known, though a fearful thing.

18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

Matthew 1:19

Be honest when a bad thing occurs.
Bad girls hide it or try to excuse it.
Good girls own it and explain it.

Provide things honest in the sight of all men.

Romans 12:17

She stayed engaged to Joseph and trusted God, who took care of her by sending an angel to advise Joseph.



Mary Trait ... #23

She was virtuous. Joseph's reaction implies – though Mary was pregnant – she had a fabulous reputation.

Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily.

Matthew 1:19

We know Mary was very virtuous.

We know Jehovah would demand it.

We know Joseph would demand it.

Learning a fiancée is pregnant would usually cause even just men great wrath.

In Israel, under God, engagement was so serious that fornication got the death penalty.

But Joseph did not opt for the death penalty or even a public divorce.

Was it merely being just (fair) or was
it due to his great respect for her?

10 Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.

11 The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.

12 She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.

Proverbs 31:10-12



Mary Trait ... #24

She was romantic. She and Joseph did not make love until Jesus was born, but then she did soon and often.

24 Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife:

25 And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son:
and he called his name JESUS.

Matthew 1:24-25

Mary had a hot marriage with Joseph.

She never defrauded him.

3 Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband.

4 The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife.

I Corinthians 7:3-4

Mary had a hot marriage with Joseph.

She had six more children with him.

55 Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary?
and his brethren, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas?

56 And his sisters, are they not all with us? Whence then hath
this man all these things?

Matthew 13:55-56

We deny and despise the RCC heresy
that Mary was a perpetual virgin,
which would have made her
a cruel and profane sinner.

We deny and despise the RCC heresy of
celibacy ... for Joseph married Mary!

There is every reason to believe Mary
was wildly romantic just like the
Song of Solomon describes a wife.



Mary Trait ... #25

She was balanced. She did not overdo even being the mother of our Lord but had six more children at least.

55 Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary?
and his brethren, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas?

56 And his sisters, are they not all with us? Whence then hath
this man all these things?

Matthew 13:55-56

Some women when honored with a role will overdo it and neglect duties.

You cannot make up for negligence in
one area by specializing in another.

Human nature is to over-emphasize
some duties or roles to justify self,
reduce work, and maximize praise.

Mary's balance is a combination of
faithfulness, humility, and prudence.



Mary Trait ... #26

She was dutiful. Mary went 75 miles to Bethlehem to pay taxes to a foreign ruler though 9 months pregnant.

4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

Luke 2:4-5

She gave no resistance due to this hardship by an inconsiderate ruler.

Great girls learn to honor and obey
rulers, even if their rules are onerous.

It can also be a hard father, a froward master, a selfish husband, etc.

18 Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward.

19 For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully.

20 For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God.

I Peter 2:18-20



Mary Trait ... #27

She was strong. She went with Joseph the 75 miles to Bethlehem, no problem, though she was at full term.

4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

Luke 2:4-5

An out-of-shape woman will have a harder time delivering a baby.

Mary was in shape due to a walking society requiring much manual labor.

What is described here is hard for modern women to grasp, but it is not for a woman in shape with a spirit.





Mary was a virtuous woman or
God would not have chosen her.

Strong like the wife of Pr 31:10-31!

She did not need to be babied,
though 15.

She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms.

Proverbs 31:17

Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.

Proverbs 31:25



Mary Trait ... #28

She was tough. Her first labor and birth was in a barn, with Joseph as midwife, and used a manger for a crib.

6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

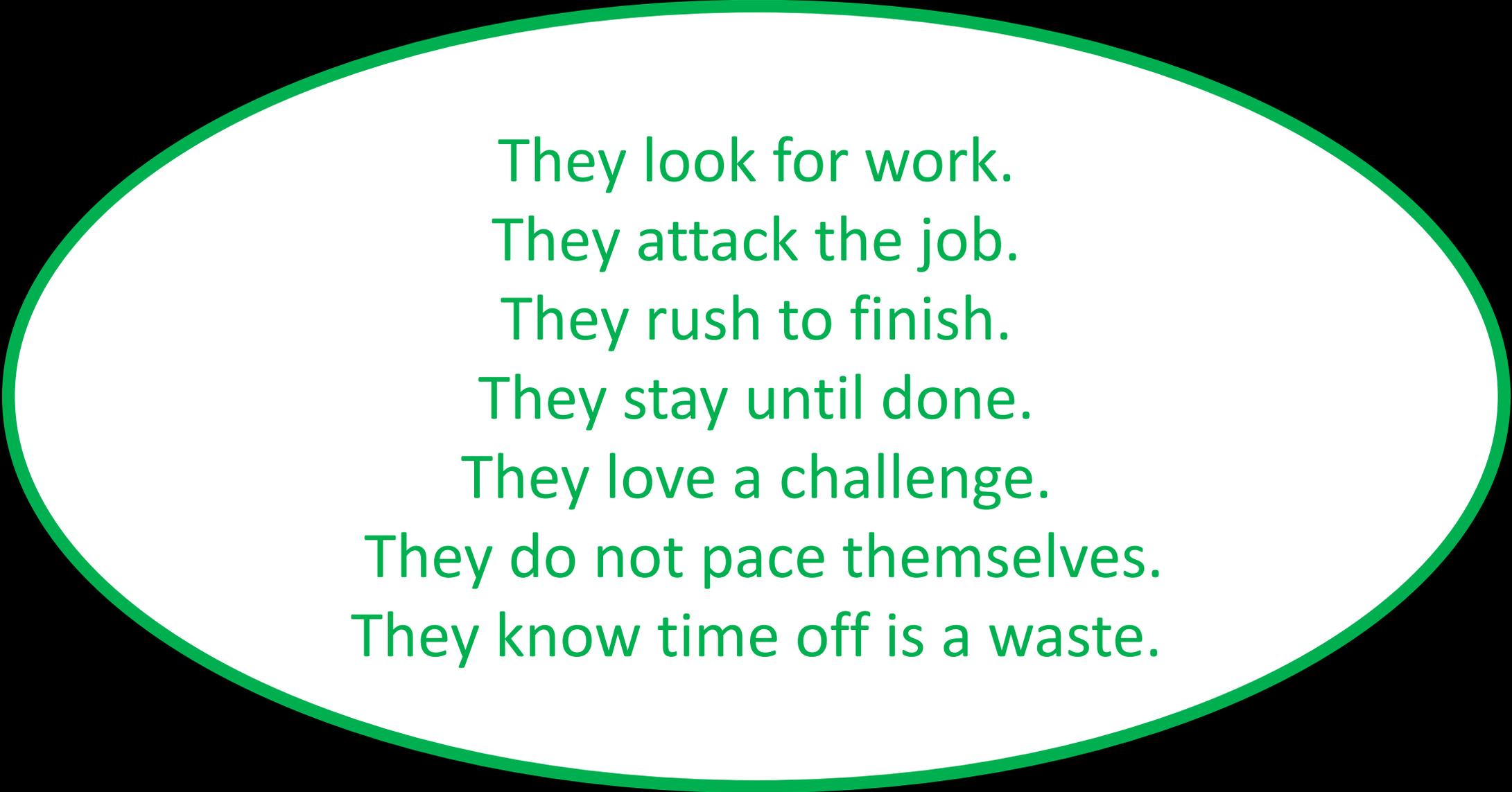
Luke 2:6-7





One thing girls should learn from
Proverbs 31 is that godly mothers
honor diligence, strength, toughness.

Great girls like Mary do not read the Bible all day ... they are not nuns ... they text very little ... they work ... and then they work some more.



They look for work.
They attack the job.
They rush to finish.
They stay until done.
They love a challenge.
They do not pace themselves.
They know time off is a waste.

She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands
she planteth a vineyard.

Proverbs 31:16

Virtuous girls have motors with lots of cylinders, a very high redline, and a turbocharger when it is needed.

If confused, ask your father or brother.

Can you imagine this girl complaining?

Never!

What about you?

Can you imagine this girl tired?

Not until the job was done!

What about you?



Mary Trait ... #29

She was creative. She had swaddling clothes with her or got them, and she saw a manger as a fine baby bed.

6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

Luke 2:6-7





Great women make do with what is available, and they do not fuss or complain that they need more.

But when they have options, they do not settle for what is easy or ordinary.

She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar.

Proverbs 31:14



Mary Trait ... #30

She was a wife. She did not have to hold her baby all the time. She put the infant Jesus in his manger bed.

16 And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

Luke 2:16



Great women know they were created
to be wives first and mothers second.

Though the infant was *Immanuel*, she
could put Him down to be
with Joseph.

And this the night he was born!

If ever there was a situation for a woman to overdo dotting on a child, it was here, but she honored Joseph ... and had six more children at least!

The record shows she let Jesus at 12
walk separately from her while
she walked with Joseph.

The record shows she followed Joseph
in some strange and difficult choices
he made by dreams in the beginning.



Mary Trait ... #31

She was a thinker. She did not talk or text all the time.
Mary loved to meditate and muse on things of Christ.

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

Luke 2:19

And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.

Luke 2:51

Great girls have active hearts and minds with thoughts and meditation about God, His Son, and His salvation.

This can only happen if you make time
for it and then intentionally do it.

I remember the days of old; I meditate on all thy works; I muse
on the work of thy hands.

Psalm 143:5

Do you grasp how much Mary is like her father David when it comes to the traits that made David God's favorite?



Mary Trait ... #32

She obeyed God. She called Him Jesus, and she loved it well, for the angel told her that was to be His name.

And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

Luke 1:31

21 And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Luke 2:21

Think! ... did she say to Joseph?

Are you kidding? That name is for Ephraim.

I wanted a name for him with three syllables.

No way! The popular name this year is Agrippa.

Remember ... the fear and love of God
is to delight in all His commandments.

And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul,

Deuteronomy 10:12



Mary Trait ... #33

She obeyed the Bible. She circumcised Him at eight days old and then went 6 miles to Jerusalem for purification.

21 And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

22 And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord;

Luke 2:21-22

He was circumcised
the 8th day in Bethlehem.

Think! ... did she say to her man?

Are you kidding? You ain't gonna cut my son!

Your religion is too picky. You are a legalist.

Can you think of a mother that threw
a hissy fit for circumcising her son?

Mary was purified
the 40th day in Jerusalem.



Mary Trait ... #34

She was happy poor. God was her Savior, and Joseph her husband, and Jesus her son. She felt very rich.

22 And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord;

23 (As it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord;)

24 And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.

Luke 2:22-24

For those with money, it was a lamb,
but Joseph could not afford a lamb.

A great girl or woman never complains
about money to her father or husband.

A great girl or woman knows that real riches are not money, house, or things.

There is that maketh himself rich, yet hath nothing: there is that maketh himself poor, yet hath great riches.

Proverbs 13:7

16 Better is little with the fear of the LORD than great treasure and trouble therewith.

17 Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith.

Proverbs 15:16-17

Better is the poor that walketh in his uprightness, than he that is
perverse in his ways, though he be rich.

Proverbs 28:6

Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;

Ephesians 3:8

Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

I Peter 1:8



Mary Trait ... #35

She loved truth. Simeon said precious things of Jesus – she marveled at the great prophecies said about Him.

29 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:

30 For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,

31 Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

32 A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

33 And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him.

Luke 2:29-33

Not only did she marvel at things said
by Simeon, but also by Gabriel
and Elisabeth.

Great girls marvel of things in the Bible
with more joy than natural things.

What about you?

Our church has always had great
women that love sound doctrine.

It marked Mary and should mark you.



Mary Trait ... #36

She accepted truth. Simeon warned Mary that a sword would slice her soul by what would happen to Jesus.

34 And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against;

35 (Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.

Luke 2:34-35

She did not bewail the terrible
prophecy about Jesus and her.

Though many spoke against Jesus and
then killed Him, she endured it.

Jesus was a Man of Sorrows as we
sing, but Mary had sorrow as well.

She did not resist Jesus at 12 when he told her He had business from another Father.

She heard Jesus talk about dying and
watched Him die but submitted to it.

Jesus promised a sword in our families, and great women do not whine or worry about it.

The Christian life is one of sacrifice,
tribulation, strangeness, etc.

Mary embraced it!



Mary Trait ... #37

She was compliant. She willingly took her new infant son and fled Bethlehem at night for a foreign country.

13 And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.

14 When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt:

15 And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son.

Matthew 2:13-15

Think! ... how many *but-but-buts* do
you think Joseph had to endure?

Think! ... Mary had confirming witness
from God for events before this.

Think! ... women have strong nesting instincts, but they did not move Mary.

5 For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:

6 Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.

I Peter 3:5-6

Did Mary equal Sarah by obeying her husband to up and move to a foreign country?

Girls ... you can practice while at home by cheerfully obeying parents.



Mary Trait ... #38

She trusted Joseph. Dreams to go to Egypt, to return to Israel, to go to Galilee were to him and not to her.

19 But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord
appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt,

20 Saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go
into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young
child's life.

21 And he arose, and took the young child and his mother, and
came into the land of Israel.

Matthew 2:19-21

22 But when he heard that Archelaus did reign in Judaea in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither: notwithstanding, being warned of God in a dream, he turned aside into the parts of Galilee:

23 And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene.

Matthew 2:22-23

Think! ... did she say to her man?

But the Lord didn't tell me to do this!

How do I know the Lord spoke to you?

What if something happens to Jesus?

What a woman!

At 15!

Trust of a father or husband is a great gift and honor you can give them.

Mistrust of a father or husband is a cruel way to undermine his leadership.

Girls and Parents!

The time to worry about how a man makes decisions is before marriage!



Mary Trait ... #39

She was simple. Jesus deserved Jerusalem – for He was a king – but Nazareth was good enough for her.

And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth.

Luke 2:39

She did not pressure Joseph to make more money or move to an expensive subdivision and schools in Jerusalem.

She was content with less to be more
kingdom minded to walk with God.

But I would have you without carefulness.

I Corinthians 7:32



Mary Trait ... #40

She loved church. She did not miss. She gladly went the 65 miles every year to the Passover in Jerusalem.

Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover.

Luke 2:41

Great girls and women make the ordinances of God a very high priority.

She had the same attitude and action
about church as did David her father.

One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.

Psalm 27:4



Mary Trait ... #41

She was relaxed. Though the Son of God was her big charge, she gave Jesus enough freedom to get lost!

43 And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it.

44 But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance.

Luke 2:43-44

Mary was realistic about life, and she trusted God, not thinking safety was up to her and her fun-denying rules.

Worrywart mothers imagine all kinds of evil and destroy children's lives by overprotecting and sheltering them.



Mary Trait ... #42

She was human. She found Him in the temple, and He was doing well there, but she twice showed fallibility.

48 And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing.

49 And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?

50 And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them.

Luke 2:48-50

Every girl or woman makes mistakes,
but does she ponder the events and
her faults to learn from them?

For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again: but the wicked shall fall into mischief.

Proverbs 24:16

The righteous also shall hold on his way, and he that hath clean hands shall be stronger and stronger.

Job 17:9



Mary Trait ... #43

She was reflective. She gently rebuked Him, and did not grasp His response, but she pondered His sayings.

51 And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.

Luke 2:51

If you do not understand something,
keep meditating about it, and trust
the Lord to reveal more to you.

Based on the inspired record, it is likely Mary grew in understanding of His ministry beyond the apostles.



Mary Trait ... #44

She knew her role. When a family wedding needed wine, she asked Him to help but submitted to His lead.

3 And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine.

4 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come.

5 His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.

John 2:3-5

Jesus corrected any errors by the RCC
that He owed Mary anything but
ordinary respect as His mother.

The lesson here is that Mary did not take offence or press for more than He allowed her.



Mary Trait ... #45

She was spiritual. She was not offended when Jesus honored obedient persons over His birth and nursing.

27 And it came to pass, as he spake these things, a certain woman of the company lifted up her voice, and said unto him, Blessed is the womb that bare thee, and the paps which thou hast sucked.

28 But he said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.

Luke 11:27-28

Only a woman would be so misguided
as to get this excited about such things.

Some women glory in pregnancy,
childbirth, babies, or nursing too much.

The RCC has preyed on this
vulnerability from the beginning ...
infant baptism ... Mary worship ... etc.

But great women know animals do the same and spiritual training is far nobler.

47 Then one said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee.

48 But he answered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mother? and who are my brethren?

49 And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren!

50 For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.

Matthew 12:47-50

Jesus here drew a distinction between
His spiritual family and natural one.

Mary could have been hurt by His ranking of others over her, His mother.

Great girls know natural successes are not honored as much as spiritual ones.

So far from being hurt, they know it is
the right way to measure all persons.

So far from being hurt, they keep soul
and spiritual above body and natural.



Mary Trait ... #46

She persevered. She did not have a meltdown when she watched His torture and agonizing crucifixion death.

And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

Matthew 27:46



Women that were not his mother
were all messed up over it.

Weak women can be overcome at the funeral of a believing relative. Why?

A great girl or woman will rule their emotions and not be ruled by them.

They keep faith in God no matter what circumstances might be.



Mary Trait ... #47

She obeyed Jesus. When Jesus assigned her to John Zebedee, she submitted to Him and went with John.

26 When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son!

27 Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.

John 19:26-27

John could not have taken her to his own home, if she did not fully obey.

You cannot even imagine her saying:

But I wanted an apartment in Jerusalem!

Why didn't you ask me for my input?

Let me stay with Peter instead!



Mary Trait ... #48

She was cooperative. After Jesus ascended into heaven, she submitted to Peter and the apostles in the church.

14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

15 And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty,)

16 Men and brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus.

Acts 1:14-16

Great girls and women do not fret or
worry about their family getting
enough recognition or honor.



Our girls and women were not born
in 20 B.C., and their lifestyles and
practical choices are different.









DAY IN THE LIFE











This study was to show our girls and young ladies how much we appreciate them and desire their greatness.

Job, one of God's favorite men in the Bible, loved his daughters very much.

13 He had also seven sons and three daughters.

14 And he called the name of the first, Jemima; and the name of the second, Kezia; and the name of the third, Kerenhappuch.

15 And in all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job: and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren.

Job 42:13-15

Girls!

God told you about Mary ... so you
can be like her, if you choose it daily.

Girls!

To be like Mary requires you to be exceptional ... much better than others ... which is a daily choice.

Guys!

God told you about Mary ... so you can
look for girls like her to honor them.

Parents!

God told you about Mary ... so you
can train her traits in your daughters.

Girls, Guys, and Parents!

Embrace Mary's traits and make them
intentional goals and measures of life.

1-12	13-24	25-36	37-48
<i>Hate RCC Mary</i>	<i>Zealous</i>	<i>Balanced</i>	<i>Compliant</i>
<i>She was 15</i>	<i>Believed</i>	<i>Dutiful</i>	<i>Trusted Joseph</i>
<i>Feared God</i>	<i>Praised</i>	<i>Strong</i>	<i>Simple</i>
<i>Country Girl</i>	<i>Joyful</i>	<i>Tough</i>	<i>Loved Church</i>
<i>A Virgin</i>	<i>God's Trophy</i>	<i>Creative</i>	<i>Relaxed</i>
<i>Engaged</i>	<i>Scriptural</i>	<i>A Wife</i>	<i>Human</i>
<i>A Cousin</i>	<i>Sober</i>	<i>Thinker</i>	<i>Reflective</i>
<i>God Loved</i>	<i>Mature</i>	<i>Obeyed God</i>	<i>Knew Role</i>
<i>Brave</i>	<i>Courteous</i>	<i>Obeyed Bible</i>	<i>Spiritual</i>
<i>Inquisitive</i>	<i>Honest</i>	<i>Happy Poor</i>	<i>Persevered</i>
<i>Humble</i>	<i>Virtuous</i>	<i>Loved Truth</i>	<i>Obeyed Jesus</i>
<i>Submissive</i>	<i>Romantic</i>	<i>Accepted Truth</i>	<i>Cooperative</i>

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Child Training Goals and Priorities

SPIRITUAL GOALS (#1)	Character Goals (#2)	Role/Function Goals (#3)	Practical Goals (#4)
<p>Fear of God (Ecc1 12:13; Ps 34:11)</p> <p>Love of God (Deut 6:4-5; 10:12)</p> <p>Delight in God (Jer 9:23-24)</p> <p>Bible Authority (Ps 119:128)</p> <p>Bible Knowledge (II Tim 3:15-17)</p> <p>Fellowship in Christ (Jn 14:15-24)</p> <p>Assurance of Heaven (II Pe 1:8-11)</p> <p>Baptism & Church (Acts 2:38-41)</p> <p>Live by Faith (II Cor 5:7; Heb 11:6)</p> <p>Mortify the Flesh (Col 3:1-11)</p> <p>Walk in the Spirit (Gal 5:22-25)</p> <p>Pray Effectually (Luke 11:1-13)</p> <p>Resist Devil (Eph 4:27; 6:10-20)</p> <p>Love of Worship (Ps 34:1-3)</p> <p>Love of Church (Ps 27:4; 122:1-9)</p> <p>Tree of Life (Prov 11:30; 22:17-21)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>BOTH</u></p> <p>Love Others (Ro 12:10; I Co 13:4-7)</p> <p>Gracious (Prov 11:16,22; 22:11)</p> <p>Reputation (Prov 22:1; Luke 2:52)</p> <p>Faithful (Prov 20:6; 11:13; 14:5)</p> <p>Wisdom (Prov 4:5-13; 14:8,15,18)</p> <p>Sober & Serious (Titus 2:4,7)</p> <p>Servant Heart (Ga 5:13; I Co 16:15)</p> <p>Joyful (Prov 15:13,15; Hab 3:17-19)</p> <p>Rule Emotions (Prov 16:32; 25:28)</p> <p>Diligence (Prov 22:29; 31:15,27)</p> <p>Temperance (I Cor 9:24-27)</p> <p>Peacemaker (Mat 5:9; Jas 3:17-18)</p> <p>Considerate (Phil 2:3-4; Eph 4:1-3)</p> <p>Obedient (Ep 6:1-3; I Pet 2:13-20)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>GIRLS</u></p> <p>Virtuous (Prov 31:10-31; Ruth 3:11)</p> <p>Chaste/Modest (Tit 2:5; Is 3:16-24)</p> <p>Energetic & Tough (Gen 24:15-20)</p> <p>Meek & Quiet (I Cor 14:34-35)</p> <p>Pure & Virgin (De 22:13-21; Jer 3:3)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>GUYS</u></p> <p>Gentle & Merciful (Pr 20:28; Mic 6:8)</p> <p>Vigilant Leader (I Cor 16:13)</p> <p>Bold & Confident (Prov 28:1)</p> <p>Pure & Virtuous (Ps 101:2-3)</p> <p>Communicative (John 15:15)</p> <p>Zealous (Gal 4:18; II Kgs 10:16)</p> <p>Knowledge (Prov 12:1; 18:15; 19:2)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>BOTH</u></p> <p>Transferable Skill (I Thess 4:11-12)</p> <p>Friends (Prov 9:6; 13:20; 27:10)</p> <p>Inputs (Ps 101:3; Prov 19:27)</p> <p>Hospitality (Rom 12:13; Heb 13:2)</p> <p>Engage & Participate (Eph 5:21)</p> <p>Child Training (Prov 1:8; 29:15)</p> <p>Romance & Sex (Solomon's Song)</p> <p>Conventional (I Cor 9:22; 13:5)</p> <p>Creative (Prov 8:12; Ruth 3:1-5)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>GIRLS</u></p> <p>Submissive (Gen 3:16; Eph 5:22-24)</p> <p>Not Amazed (I Pet 3:6; I Sam 25:19)</p> <p>Reverent (Eph 5:33; I Pet 3:1-6)</p> <p>Infant & Child Care (Ruth 4:16)</p> <p>Domestic Duties (Pr 31:15,21,27)</p> <p>Keeper at Home (I Tim 5:13-14)</p> <p>Flexible (Ruth 1:16-18; Song 2:10)</p> <p>Bold Shulamite (Song 1:2,12; 3:4)</p> <p>Sartorial & Décor (Prov 31:22)</p> <p>Hate SOICE Women (Pr 30:21-23)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>GUYS</u></p> <p>Know Female Needs (I Pet 3:7)</p> <p>Money Smart (Prov 14:4; 27:18)</p> <p>Money Saved (Pr 11:16; 21:17,20)</p> <p>Cherish & Nourish (Eph 5:25-30)</p> <p>Loyal & Royal Lover (Prov 5:19)</p> <p>Manager of Conflict Resolution</p> <p>Family Planning in All Aspects</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>BOTH</u></p> <p>Use Wise Counsellors (Prov 15:22)</p> <p>Etiquette & Manners (I Co 10:31-33)</p> <p>Public Speaking Skill (II Sa 14:1-17)</p> <p>Computer & Phone Expertise</p> <p>Internet Research Skills</p> <p>Bank Accounts & Loans</p> <p>Real Estate Transactions</p> <p>Insurance & Govt Programs</p> <p>Taxes – Income, Real, SS, Sales</p> <p>Diet and Exercise for Fitness</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>GIRLS</u></p> <p>Shopping Prudence (Prov 31:13-14)</p> <p>Jobs for Women (Prov 31:16,24)</p> <p>Charity Initiative (Prov 31:20)</p> <p>Time Management & Structure</p> <p>Feminine Gracefulness, Elegance</p> <p>Mentor Children for Teaching</p> <p>Basic Mechanical Skills</p> <p>Elementary Nursing Skills (CNA)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>GUYS</u></p> <p>School & Degree Maxed (Ec 10:10)</p> <p>Career Trajectory Maxed (Pr 17:2)</p> <p>Dress for Success (Gen 41:42)</p> <p>Basic Medical Knowledge</p> <p>Household M&R Knowledge</p> <p>LetGodBeTrue Website Expertise</p> <p>Evaluate All Relationships</p> <p>Learn Total Household Costs</p>

NOTE: Table is not exhaustive. There are detailed documents for most entries. See related outline ([here](#)) or search website. Let this table lead to better goals and priorities.

Girls, Guys, and Parents!

Why no Bible mention of our culture's
obsession with school and sports
for young Mary?

11 Rid me, and deliver me from the hand of strange children, whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood:

12 That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace:

13 That our garners may be full, affording all manner of store: that our sheep may bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our streets:

14 That our oxen may be strong to labour; that there be no breaking in, nor going out; that there be no complaining in our streets.

15 Happy is that people, that is in such a case: yea, happy is that people, whose God is the LORD.

Psalm 144:11-15

To Be More Like Mary

<http://www.letgodbettrue.com/bible/practical/rate-a-date-women.php>

<http://www.letgodbettrue.com/proverbs/proverbs.php?chapter=31>

<https://www.letgodbettrue.com/pdf/child-training-goals-table.pdf>

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<http://www.letgodbettrue.com/pdf/christian-work-ethic.pdf>

<http://www.letgodbettrue.com/pdf/role-of-the-woman.pdf>

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<http://www.letgodbettrue.com/pdf/great-woman-of-shunem.pdf>

<http://www.letgodbettrue.com/pdf/isaiah-3-slides.pdf>

<http://www.letgodbettrue.com/pdf/jephthah-and-his-daughter.pdf>

<https://www.letgodbettrue.com/pdf/abigail-commentary-letter.pdf>

For Further Study

Who Can Find a Virtuous Woman (interactive test) ... <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/bible/practical/rate-a-date-women.php>

Table of Child Training Goals ... <https://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/child-training-goals-table.pdf>

Deborah & Jael (slides) ... <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/Jael-and-deborah.pdf>

Deborah & Jael (commentary on Judges 4-5) ... <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/two-great-women.pdf>

Great Woman of Shunem (slides) ... <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/great-woman-of-shunem.pdf>

Power Couples (slides) ... <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/power-couples.pdf>

Role of the Woman (sermon outline) ... <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/role-of-the-woman.pdf>

A Christian Work Ethic (sermon outline) ... <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/christian-work-ethic.pdf>

Protecting our Daughters (sermon outline) ... <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/protecting-our-daughters.pdf>

Death of a Nation (slides of Isaiah 3 about women) ... <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/isaiah-3-slides.pdf>

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