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- She may have felt ridicule (Mark 3:21-35).
- She watched her son die for others (John 19:25).

All women today seeking to be godly would do well to have these same characteristics of Mary in their own life.

Godly mothers have many important duties today. They need to sacrifice to teach God's word to their children (Proverbs 1:8; 2 Timothy 1:5; 3:15).

Godly mothers need to sacrifice to take care of their family at home (Proverbs 31:27-28; 1 Timothy 5:14; Tit. 2:4-5).

Godly mothers who sacrifice deserve to be honored by their children (Proverbs 15:20; 17:25; 30:11,17; Ephesians 6:1-2).

Ladies, God was able to use Mary her for his purposes to do great things for mankind (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18ff; Luke 1:30). Like Mary, live in such a way that God can use you for his purposes today?

- Chris Reeves -

## - Thought of the Week -

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We all experience some form of depression from time-to-time. That's natural. So, what do you do about it? Do you stay in your depressed state and hurt yourself and others, or do you get out of it? In 1 Kings 19, the Lord helped Elijah to get out of his depressed state by telling him to get back to work and do his job. A good way to get out of your depression is to stay busy serving others. When you are busy serving others, you won't have the time or energy to think about your woes and problems.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.  
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

# Mary: The Mother of Jesus

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One woman in the New Testament who is well-known is Mary, the mother of Jesus. Even people who know very little about the Bible, know something about Mary. What can we learn from this great woman about womanhood, motherhood, and servanthood?

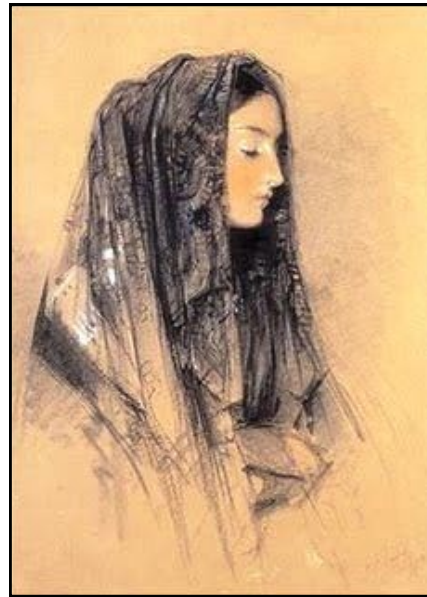
One problem that has been created about the subject of Mary is that many good and religious people, Catholics in particular, have elevated Mary to a position that is not biblical. So because of this, let me begin here with our understanding of Mary.

Biblically speaking, Mary is not to be venerated above others. Mary, no doubt was a great woman, but she was not, and is not, what many claim about her. For example, some teach the “Immaculate conception” and “perfection of Mary” - that she was without sin. Yet, Paul wrote that all have sinned (Romans 3:23).

Some teach the “perpetual virginity of Mary” - that she had no other child but Jesus. Yet, Matthew speaks of Jesus’ brothers and sisters (Matthew 13:55-56) and James was the Lord’s brother (Galatians 1:19).

Some teach the “assumption of

Mary” - that she went straight to heaven without dying. Yet, the Bible is silent about this and the Hebrew writer says that it is appointed unto man once to die (Hebrews 9:27).



Some teach the “intercession of Mary” - that you are to pray to and through Mary. Yet, Jesus is our intercessor (Hebrews 7:25) and he is the only mediator we have (1 Timothy 2:15).

Some teach the “preeminence of Mary” - that she is “the most holy Mary” and to be elevated to a status over all other women. Yet, Paul wrote that Jesus is to have the preeminence in all things

(Colossians 1:18).

But, with all these erroneous doctrines about Mary aside, it must be said that Mary is indeed a great role model for all women and mothers today. Let’s consider some important lessons that can be learned from her. What did she do?

- She was a sacrificial servant (Luke 1:38,48).
- She believed God’s word (Luke 1:38,45).
- She exalted God (Luke 1:47ff).
- She may have suffered poverty (Luke 2:6-7,24).
- She had to leave her home (Matthew 2:13ff).
- She may have suffered shame (John 8:41).
- She trusted God’s plan (Luke 2:19,50-51)
- She had pain in her heart (Luke 2:35)
- She believed in her son (John 2:5).