

## Open Before Christmas

Perspective

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For as he thinks in his heart, so *is* he.

Proverbs 23:7 (NKJV)

## Mary's Lessons

### 1. Decided to do Whatever God Asks.

“How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?” The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month. For nothing is impossible with God.” “I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May it be to me as you have said.” Then the angel left her.

Luke 1:34-38 (NIV)

### 2. Choose to Worship Instead of Worry.

And Mary said: “My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me-- holy is his name.

Luke 1:46-49 (NIV)

I lift up my eyes to the hills-- where does my help come from?  
My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

Psalm 121:1-2 (NIV)

### 3. Treasure the Gift of The Moment.

Mary quietly treasured these things in her heart and often thought about them.

Luke 2:19 (TLB)