

HOW TO PREPARE MY HEART FOR THE KING - Pt 2

Luke 1:39-56

Mary let go of her plans and trusted God.

Another quality of submission is humility.

Luke 1:39–40 (NLT) — 39 A few days later Mary hurried to the hill country of Judea, to the town 40 where Zechariah lived. She entered the house and greeted Elizabeth.

Luke 1:45–49 (NLT) — 45 You are blessed because you believed that the Lord would do what he said.” 46 Mary responded, “Oh, how my soul praises the Lord. 47 How my spirit rejoices in God my Savior! 48 For he took notice of his lowly servant girl, and from now on all generations will call me blessed. 49 For the Mighty One is holy, and he has done great things for me.

Mary had no sense of entitlement.

Wealth and security are spiritual disadvantages.

James 1:9–11 (NLT) — 9 Believers who are poor have something to boast about, for God has honored them. 10 And those who are rich should boast that God has humbled them. They will fade away like a little flower in the field. 11 The hot sun rises and the grass withers; the little flower droops and falls, and its beauty fades away. In the same way, the rich will fade away with all of their achievements.

Luke 1:41–45 (NLT) — 41 At the sound of Mary’s greeting, Elizabeth’s child leaped within her, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. 42 Elizabeth gave a glad cry and exclaimed to Mary, “God has blessed you above all

women, and your child is blessed. 43 Why am I so honored, that the mother of my Lord should visit me? 44 When I heard your greeting, the baby in my womb jumped for joy. 45 You are blessed because you believed that the Lord would do what he said.”

Freedom to rejoice in whatever role God gives us.

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Praise from the core of our being.

Luke 1:50–53 (NLT) — 50 He shows mercy from generation to generation to all who fear him. 51 His mighty arm has done tremendous things! He has scattered the proud and haughty ones. 52 He has brought down princes from their thrones and exalted the humble. 53 He has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away with empty hands.

The Kingdom of Christ is set against the value system of our world.

1 Corinthians 1:26–29 (NLT) — 26 Remember, dear brothers and sisters, that few of you were wise in the world’s eyes or powerful or wealthy when God called you. 27 Instead, God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And he chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful. 28 God chose things despised by the

world, things counted as nothing at all, and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important. 29 As a result, no one can ever boast in the presence of God.

My emotions reveal my pride.

Luke 14:12–13 (NLT) — 12 Then he turned to his host. “When you put on a luncheon or a banquet,” he said, “don’t invite your friends, brothers, relatives, and rich neighbors. For they will invite you back, and that will be your only reward. 13 Instead, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.

Questions for reflection:

Am I rejoicing in the role God has given me right now?

Am I praising God from the core of my being or am I focused on circumstances?

How content am I about not getting my way?

Am I struggling with any negative emotions that might reveal an area of pride in my life?