



THE RESPONSES OF CHRISTMAS

Mary Pondered It

Luke 2:19

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Let's begin with a question:

Do we keep Christmas... _____?

Luke's account of the Christmas Story makes it clear, Mary did! When we treasure something, we do more than just keep it in storage. The things we treasure have more value to us, than the things we just keep around. It was the same for Mary that first Christmas night.

Her simple life had suddenly become _____!
She needed time to take it all in. So, Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. She took all of it in, like a sponge, soaking it up, so she could hold on to it and keep it forever.

Modern men and women whose lives have become too full and too fast, have the same need to treasure and ponder.

Reflection is difficult to do in a _____.

You know what Christmas is about. I suggest we'll never grow tired of hearing the Christmas story, and it will always be fresh and life-transforming, if we treasure it up, and ponder it, the way Mary did.

TAKE AWAY:

Don't _____ Christmas. Treasure it, and ponder it all year through!