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“Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary” *John 12:1-3*

**Both in time and in eternity, believers in Jesus Christ are classified as either winners or losers.**

Why is it that God leaves us here on earth after salvation?

*There must be a purpose behind the Christian life and there is; It's a fantastic opportunity to actually glorify God through our experiential walk with His Son in His footsteps which will if positively followed, conform us into His image.*

**Want to be a winner believer like Mary?**

**1. Don't refuse to hear the Word of God regularly.**

**2. Don't refuse to transfer the Word of God learned to your human spirit by meditating on it regularly.**

**3. Don't refuse to recover the filling of the Holy Spirit when you fail as we all do and all will.**

**4. Don't refuse to be consistent in season and out of season even and especially when under pressure and also when you find yourself in the midst of prosperity which is often a difficult test to pass.**

**The key for Mary was not just knowing biblical truth, it was emphasizing or focusing on biblical truth and then applying it also.**

The emphasis in the Incarnation is the death of the Lord Jesus Christ, not His birth.

*The cross ( the First Advent) must precede the crown (the Second Advent) in the plan of God, for we must be saved from our greatest enemy of sin and its spiritual death sentence before we can fully enjoy the future Kingdom of our Lord.*

The Christian life is always a matter of emphasis or focus, not a system of 'dos and don'ts'.

**It isn't a matter of right or wrong, it's a matter of emphasis.**

And as believers in Jesus Christ, our emphasis in life is based on our attitude toward the Word of God.

*A negative attitude toward God's truth weakens our emphasis and leaves us unprepared for adversity.*

Preparation in the details of life; whether financially, physically, politically or security-wise might superficially make us temporarily feel good about ourselves but these things do not equip us

to face the extreme difficulties of the behind the scenes spiritual warfare in this world.