

Doing a Jigsaw Puzzle in the Eye of a Hurricane
Luke 2:19

The Problem of Mary

ponder = *symballousa* – to place together for _____

Living in the _____:

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treasure = *syntereo* – guard fiercely

On a _____ ...

What does it *not* mean to be blessed?

“At the center of self-will is me, carving a world in _____. At the center of prayer is God, carving me in His _____.”

Paul Miller
A Praying Life

What *does* it mean to be blessed?

How to live in a perpetual state of blessing

“Prayer is an expression of who we are.... We are a living incompleteness. We are a gap, an emptiness that calls for _____.”

Thomas Merton

“I realized that if Christianity is a living relationship with God I had to find out what this God is really like to whom I had committed my future. Finally, I began to see that prayer is not a series of _____ to get God to help me do things I think need to be done. Prayer is a direction of life, a focusing of one’s most personal and _____ God-ward. The purpose is to love God and learn to know Him so well, that our wills, our actions will be more and more aligned with His, until even our unconscious reactions and purposes will have the mark of His love, His life about them. Prayer is no longer an “activity.” It had become a language of that relationship God designed to fulfill a human life.”

Keith Miller
Taste of New Wine

Centering on the True Blessing

I am...

God is...

I surrender...

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