

WHICH KIND OF MOTHER ARE YOU? **(Titus 2:4-5)**

I. Some negative examples of mothers.

- A. We don't need mothers like Jezebel (1 Kings 16:31).
 - 1. This person may be the worst lady on record in the Bible.
 - 2. She brought in and promoted idolatry.
 - 3. She was openly defiant of God.
 - 4. It is most probable that her children never heard her pray or read God's word
 - 5. They saw her instead urge others to lie so as to cause the death of Naboth for his vineyard.
- B. We don't need mothers like Athaliah, daughter of Jezebel.
 - 1. Her husband, Joram, was considered a wicked king due in great part to her wickedness (2 Kings 8:18).
 - 2. Her son Ahaziah became king and she counseled him to commit sin (2 Chronicles 22:2-3).
 - 3. When Ahaziah died, she seized the kingdom and had the royal children killed, except for Joash, who were all her grandchildren.
- C. We don't need mothers like Herodias.
 - 1. She allowed her daughter to dance lewdly in front of men and then got her to ask for John's head (Mark 6:21-29).
 - 2. The reason for this is found in Mark 6:18-19.
 - 3. Look at the kind of mother she was:
 - a. She was living in sin, which keeps any woman from being a good mother.
 - b. She sought revenge and would have used violence.
 - c. She had no compassion or respect for life.
- D. We don't need mothers like that of King Asa (1 Kings 15:11-13).
 - 1. Asa was a great king in Israel.
 - 2. He resisted the idolatry of his mother to be faithful.
 - 3. A child of lesser faith would have fallen to this sin.
 - 4. Many mothers today have their own idols - beauty, fashion, pleasure (2 Timothy 3:4).
- E. We don't need mothers who lie, cheat, steal, commit adultery, addicted to drugs, either illegal or legal, drink alcohol, gamble or seek to climb the social ladder for popularity's sake at the expense of the their children's souls.

II. Some positive examples of mothers.

- A. We need mothers with faith like Jochabed (Exodus 2:1-10; Hebrews 11:23).
 - 1. Only eternity knows how much impact Jochabed had on Moses.
 - 2. She sowed seeds during that short time that lead Moses to become a great man of faith and tremendous leader.
 - 3. As one writer said, We need men of faith today and it will take women of faith to produce and rear them.

- B. We need mothers who pray to God like Hannah.
 - 1. Her prayer was from the depths of her soul (1 Samuel 1:11).
 - 2. When her request was granted she named him Samuel which means, "Asked of the Lord" (1 Samuel 1:20).
 - 3. She kept the vow she made to God and loaned Samuel to God all the days of his life.
 - 4. Notice some characteristics that made her a great mother:
 - a. She wanted to be a mother.
 - b. She was a woman of prayer.
 - c. She gave her son to God, unlike many mothers today who are rearing their children without God.
 - 5. The church will have more men like Samuel when we have more mothers like Hannah.
- C. We need mothers like Elisabeth.
 - 1. Luke 1:6 - this was before the child was conceived.
 - 2. From reading Luke 1, it seems as if this couple longed for a child and had been praying earnestly for one (Luke 1:13).
 - 3. John was blessed with a mother dedicated to God from before his first day on earth.
 - 4. Being obedient to God lead her to be able to instill this characteristic in her child.
 - 5. We need to remember that God chose this woman to be the mother of the one who trumpeted the coming of the Messiah.
- D. We need mothers like Mary.
 - 1. There are many false doctrines about Mary and because of these we might have ignored her some.
 - 2. Notice how the angel Gabriel spoke to her (Luke 1:28).
 - 3. Listen to what her cousin said to her (Luke 1:46-55).
 - 4. God knew all the women of that time and He chose Mary above all others to be the mother of His Son.
 - 5. God used motherhood to bring His Son into this world and He still depends on motherhood for the continuation of His Son's cause on earth.

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