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Today is Mother's Day, a day our society has set aside to honor our mothers. One thing that each person reading this article has in common is a mother. Many of you are mothers. Mothers are special people to each one of us. We can only have one mother.



What makes a good mother? I could list many things that would certainly point toward being a good mother. We all would probably have some of the same suggestions. Let's look at three mothers in the Bible and note one characteristic they each had in common.

1. **Hannah** — In I Samuel 1, we have recorded the birth of Samuel. Before he was born, Hannah prayed to the Lord that if he would give her a man child, she would give him to the Lord all the days of his life. The Lord heard her petition, and she was blessed with the birth of Samuel.

Hannah did not forget her vow to the Lord. She took her son Samuel to be trained at the feet of Eli. From a very young age, she made sure that he was preparing to serve the Lord. This was the most important act of rearing that Hannah could do for Samuel.

2. **Mary** — Mary was chosen above all others to be the mother of

Jesus. Certainly, this alone speaks volumes regarding the type of person she was. Though we know very little about the childhood of Jesus, Luke 2 provides us with some insight to Mary.

Near the end of Luke 2, Jesus and his parents, along with others, had been to Jerusalem. As they left Jerusalem, they went a day's journey before they had noted that Jesus was not among them. They returned to Jerusalem, and after three days Jesus was found "...in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions." When questioned about his disappearance, Jesus answered, "How is it that ye sought me? Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" Even though they did not understand what he said, Mary kept these things in her heart. (Luke 2:50,51)

At the age of twelve, Jesus had great attention focused on spiritual matters. He had been reared in such a way that his interests were turned in this direction. After this incident, we are told in Luke 2:52, "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man."

3. **Eunice** — Paul stated regarding Timothy in II Timothy 1:5 "When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also."

Timothy's grandmother and mother both had the unfeigned faith that was in Timothy. No doubt, much time was spent teaching him about God and his Word. Such faith that is "passed down" does not happen accidentally. It is taught by word and example.

These three mothers had at least one thing in common. Their dedication and obedience to the Lord was instilled in their children. Children will not accidentally be properly trained in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. They need to be brought, not sent, to each service of the church. They need exposure to the Bible every day. They need to hear you pray and be taught how to pray. They need to have their spiritual training made the most important activity in their life.

Remember the words of Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

—Marty Edwards ❖

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News

—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jimmy Terry, Audrey Terry, Jean Coffey, Lillian Riffle** and **Shirley Edwards.**

—I've been somewhat under the weather this week with an infection that has made me very ill. The combination of the infection, medicine, and treatment are going to prevent me from being able to drive for almost two weeks. I don't plan on missing any Church services. Thanks for all the thoughts, concern, and most of all, prayers. —Marty

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The article on pages one and two of the bulletin talk about three good mothers in the Bible. There is also an account of an evil mother who actually counseled her son to do evil.

In II Chronicles we have the account of Ahaziah, king of Judah. It says in II Chronicles 22:2 that "his mother was his counsellor to do wickedly."

A counselor is one who advises and helps steer you in a certain direction. It's hard to imagine a mother actually advising her son to do wickedly, but, Athaliah, the mother of Ahaziah, did just that.

Not only was she his mother, but, Ahaziah's father was married to the daughter of Ahab, who was the husband of Jezebel. He had a history of wicked women in his life.

His father, Jehoram, had been killed by the LORD with an incurable disease in his bowels and His mother advising him to do wickedly lead to his destruction also. He was killed by Jehu (the one who killed Jezebel). After he was killed, his mother went on a killing spree, killing all the royal seed.

Ahaziah was not a child. He was 42 when he began to reign. A mother's influence goes all a child's life. Whether you are a mother or a father, train up your children in the LORD.

Sunday, May 6, 2012		
Classes	13	Luke 24:1-32
Preaching	21	1 Peter 1:11-2:1
Contribution	\$591.00	
Evening	3	Singing
Wednesday, May 9, 2012		
Classes	19	Deuteronomy 30:1-20

Visitors— May 6 (AM) Lurline Mires (Rex, KY); Curtis McDaniel & Tara Perkins (Uno, KY)

Bible Quiz

What was nigh to the children of Israel and in their mouth and hearts?

Last Week's Answer— Lion, calf, man, flying eagle (Revelation 4:7)

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—Proverbs 22:6

—God's Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)