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Proverbs 1:8, “*My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother.*”

One thing everyone on Earth has in common is a mother. Ruby and I are both blessed to still have our mothers with us. We both grew up with mothers who made sure we had a fully cooked breakfast each morning, daily home cooked meals, read to us when we were young, and were always there at our school activities.

As wonderful as these attributes are, the best attributes our mothers have are being godly mothers, following the word of God. If you have a mother who follows the Bible, then you have a mother that is giving you the best she can.

There are many examples of good mothers in the Bible, and one mother who stands out because of the bad advice she gave her son.

Mary was chosen to be the mother of Jesus no doubt because of her righteousness and purity. Even as Jesus was growing up, Joseph and Mary went to Jerusalem yearly as was required. The only incident recorded in the Bible from the childhood of Jesus after his birth is

recorded in Luke 2. At twelve years old Jesus had remained behind in Jerusalem, and after three days was found in the temple hearing and asking questions. When questioned about this, Jesus responded in Luke 2:49, “*And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?*”

In Luke 2:52 we are told, “*And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.*” No doubt much of this growth was because of His mother.

Hannah was the mother of Samuel. She had promised that if the LORD gave her a man child, she would give Him to the LORD all the days of his life. It did come to pass after Samuel was born, she gave him in service to the LORD at the feet of Eli. Hannah knew it was the most important thing she could do for her son.

I Samuel 1:11 says, “*And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head.*” She vowed and kept it. She made sure she gave Samuel to the LORD. Note that she uses the word “give.” I Samuel 2:20 calls Samuel a “loan” to the LORD. Hannah was then blessed with five more children. What a wonderful “return” on her loan.

Eunice and Lois were the mother and grandmother of Timothy. Paul talks in II Timothy 1:5 of the unfeigned faith in Timothy. He says it dwelt first in his grandmother Lois, and mother Eunice. While Timothy was growing up, this faith was passed to him.

Many mothers today concern themselves with making sure their children succeed with worldly matters. All those things only last a

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News

—Continue to remember **Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry and Shirley Parson.**

—Congratulations to **Elaina Rimmer** who graduates from Hart County High School this coming Friday evening. Elaina has been accepted into college at Campbellsville and will be majoring in biology and have a minor in music. She is receiving a band scholarship.

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few years at most. Give your children what these four women of the Bible gave— spiritual guidance and a faithful life as an example. This lasts forever. Make sure children are brought to all worship services. Go over Bible lessons with them. Read the Bible with them daily. You are preparing them for a home in Heaven.

There is one other mother that pains me to talk about. In II Chronicles 22:2-3 we are told, “²*Forty and two years old was Ahaziah when he began to reign, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Athaliah the daughter of Omri.* ³*He also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab: for his mother was his counsellor to do wickedly.*”

Ahaziah was actually advised by his mother to do wickedly. I cannot imagine such a mother. Ahaziah was not a young child. He was forty-two years old. Even at that age, what an influence his mother had over him. How sad it was not an influence to do that which was righteous.

As mothers, you have the greatest influence of anyone over a child. Make your few years with a child be full of righteousness and lead them in the paths that lead to eternal life— for you and your children as well.

—Marty Edwards❖

Sunday, May 6, 2018		
Classes	12	II Timothy 4:4-8
Preaching	14	Jude 1:1-11
Contribution	\$910.00	
Evening	21	Singing
Wednesday, May 9, 2018		
Classes	19	Revelation 16:1-21

Visitors— May 6 (PM) Margaret Sandidge (Hardyville, KY)

Bible Quiz

The seventh angel poured out his vial where?

Last Week's Answer— The glory of God and His power (Revelation 15:8)

Proverbs 22:6, “*Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.*”

—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)