

Two Mothers, Two Influences

Introduction

- 1. On October 9, 1914, President Woodrow Wilson declared the second Sunday of each May as “Mother’s Day,” a special day to honor mothers of this nation.**
- 2. This national holiday has grown in popularity.**
- 3. While it is a national holiday, it is also proper to give honor where honor is really due, with drawing a Biblical viewpoint for spiritual purposes in regard to two mothers found in our Bible.**
- 4. I will contrast these two Bible mothers whose approaches to motherhood differed tremendously, thus the influence on their children also radically differed.**

Wicked Herodias

1. **She had a daughter by the name of Salome. Consider from Mark 6, what Herodias taught her.**

Mark 6:17-28

- A. **Marital fidelity is not important (v. 17-18)**

Hebrews 13:4 Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

- B. **Evil conspiracies are alright (v. 19, 21)**

Mark 7:21-23

- C. **To pervert the wholesome natural attraction between males and females (v. 22)**

Proverbs 6:24-26

Titus 2:3-5 the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things--that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed.

- D. **Immodesty and licentiousness are acceptable (v. 24-28)**

Galatians 5:19 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness,

- E. **Manipulation gets you what you want (v. 24-28)**

Proverbs 6:18

Godly Eunice

1. Eunice had a son named Timothy. Consider what Eunice taught him.

A. Younger women need older women
2 Timothy 1:5

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B. Children are a heritage from the Lord

Psalms 127:3 Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, The fruit of the womb is a reward.

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

C. Less than ideal circumstances can be overcome
Acts 16:1, 3

D. The scriptures are important, even in childhood
2 Timothy 3:14-16
1 Timothy 4:6

E. Godly children bring delight to the soul
Acts 16:1-2

Proverbs 29:17 Correct your son, and he will give you rest; Yes, he will give delight to your soul.

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- 1. We can learn so much from the scriptures. We learn what is good and evil, what pleases and displeases God.**
 - A. Which mother would you rather have?**

Godly Mothers Are Special

- 1. She never leaves her first love.**
 - A. She is a help meet for her husband**
 - B. She submits to her husband**
 - C. She steadfastly stands with him no matter what**
 - 1) Wedding vows actually do mean something**
 - D. Her husband trusts in her and is a great example to the children**

Proverbs 31:11-12 The heart of her husband safely trusts her; So he will have no lack of gain. She does him good and not evil All the days of her life.

- 2. She cherishes all there is to being a mom.**
 - A. She trains her children in the laws of God**

Proverbs 1:8 My son, hear the instruction of your father, And do not forsake the law of your mother;

- B. She wants her children to love the Lord first and foremost**
- C. As a result her children honor her**

Conclusion

- 1. A godly mother is a great example for her children and husband.**

Proverbs 31:28-29 Her children rise up and call her blessed; Her husband also, and he praises her: "Many daughters have done well, But you excel them all."

- 2. There are many moms in this world: Most of them are honored on this special day.**
- 3. But what makes a mother so special?**
 - A. She is the one who exemplifies the qualities that pleases our heavenly Father.**

