

MOTHERS DEVELOP LEADERS

Int.

1. Aim: To talk about the importance of mothers as described in the Bible.
2. Gen. 3:20 "And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living."
 - a. The word "Mother" occurs in 292 verses in the Bible
 - b. Woman was created as a special being to be a help-meet for man -
 - c. Mothers also have the blessing of replenishing the earth - Gen. 1:28
 - d. Mother Means =
 - (1) A female parent, to give birth to - Web. P. 553
 - (2) A Mother as the bond of the family - {#517}
 - e. Eve is literally the mother of all of us who are living
3. Mothers have a strong and important influence
 - a. Ezek. 16:44 "Behold, every one that useth proverbs shall use this proverb against thee, saying, As is the mother, so is her daughter."
 - b. It is also true to say: "As is the mother, so is the world."
 - c. And so is the church.
 - d. Because of the power and influence of women, it is very fitting and appropriate that we give them honor and respect, not just on this special day of the year, but at all times.
4. Mothers love their children. They desire what is best for their children!! We will look at some Bible mothers and how they sought what was best for their children and how mothers today can do likewise. These were the mothers of leaders.....

Discussion

I. MOTHERS OF GOD'S LEADERS

A. Hannah

1. Hannah was the mother of Samuel
2. Hannah prayed for a long time for a child. 1 Sam. 1:11 "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."
3. When he was born - she was thrilled and happy - then when he was old enough he was presented to the priest Eli to work for the Lord.
4. Samuel was the final judge of Israel. He was a priest, a prophet and a judge. I & II Sam. named after him. Great man of God.
5. We need more mothers like Hannah who are mothers of prayer and dedication.

B. SARAH

1. She was the mother of Isaac
2. At the advanced age of 90 she gave birth to a son. It was his lineage that gave us Christ.
3. God used this older woman to be a blessing to all the world through this son.
4. Prov. 16:31 "The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness."
 - a. An older person can be a blessing.
 - b. But the condition is that they be righteous.

- c. Sarah was a righteous woman - and God allowed her son to be the one through whom Christ the saviour was sent to the earth.
5. We need faithful women of all ages.

C. JOCHEBED

1. Jochebed was the mother of **Moses** and Aaron
2. At the time of Moses' birth Pharaoh king of Egypt had decreed that every Hebrew male child be killed. His mother refused to kill her baby and hid him as long as possible. Through the providence of God Moses was adopted into the royal family but his mother had the privilege of rearing him during his early years.
3. She must have been a great mother because she instilled in Moses the great values of the Word of God during those early years.
 - a. Heb. 11:23-31 Heb. 11:24 "By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;"
 - b. Moses acted "by Faith". How does faith come?
 - c. Rom. 10:17 "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."
 - d. Jochebed instilled into Moses the word of God during the few years she had him at home.
4. Jochebed had two sons - Aaron and Moses:
 - a. Aaron became the first high priest of the Israelite nation
 - b. Moses became the greatest lawgiver, except Christ, the world has ever known.
5. We will have more men like Moses and Aaron when we have more others like Jochebed.

D. ELIZABETH

1. She was the mother of John the Baptist
2. Luke 1:6 describes Elizabeth and her husband - "And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless."
3. Before his birth John was the object of his Father's prayers and no doubt his mother was also praying for him.
4. She definitely wanted to become a mother because she said in Lk. 1:25 "Thus hath the Lord dealt with me in the days wherein he looked on [me], to take away my reproach among men."
5. We will have more men like John the Baptist, of good character, and consecrated when we have more mothers like Elizabeth. Need Righteous Parents.

E. Eunice and Lois

1. Eunice was the mother and Lois the grandmother of Timothy.
2. We need more mothers and grandmothers like these women because they taught Timothy the Bible as a child.
3. 2 Tim. 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."
4. 2 Tim. 3:15 "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."
5. Timothy was an excellent young man who became a companion of Paul on his missionary journeys.
6. We will have more men like Timothy when we have more mothers and grandmothers like Eunice and Lois.

F. MARY

1. We need more mothers like Mary the mother of Jesus
2. She was pure at the time of his birth.
3. Mary had a great faith in God and relied upon him as her Savior.
4. She had a deep degree of reverence and respect for Jehovah God.
5. We need more mothers like Mary who loved and trusted God as Mary Did.

II. APPLICATION TO MOTHERS TODAY - [Desire what is best for their children]

- A. We need mothers today who will decide to dedicate their children to be Christians as well as leaders and workers for the Lord and help guide and instruct them in that way.

Instruct and encourage them.

1. The greatest thing a mother can do for her children is to help guide them to work in the Lord's Kingdom. Why is this so Good? God only had one Son and he sent Him to the earth to be the leader who would be the saviour of his people.
2. There is always a need for pure, dedicated, talented workers in the church. We never have enough good leaders.
3. We need: Elders, Deacons, Preachers, Bible Class Teachers, Song Leaders, Personal workers.

- B. What can mothers do to help with this:

1. Be a dedicated sincere Christian
 - a. If your example is not pure and sincere then your children will be the first to know it.
 - b. It is difficult to teach a child to live correctly when you are living an evil life.

2. Encourage and exhort your sons to be leaders and your daughters to marry men who will be leaders and to be Bible class teachers.
3. Don't over-emphasize all the faults of the elders, deacons, preachers, and other leaders.
4. There are more important things in life than making a big name or making money.

C. Teach them the Bible

1. Read the Bible when your children are young
2. Talk to them about the Bible and the church
3. Remember Eunice and Lois taught Timothy 2 Tim. 3:15 "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

III. LESSONS FROM THE MOTHER'S OF THE BIBLE THAT MOTHERS TODAY CAN LEARN

A. Hannah

1. Mother's who desire to have children and pray for them are going to be better mothers.
2. She kept her promise to give him to God.

B. Sarah

1. She was a righteous woman - an older mother
2. Mothers of all ages should be righteous people

C. Jochebed

1. She must have been an excellent teacher
2. Moses was only a little boy when he was taken to live with Pharaoh's daughter.
3. But he knew the Word of God so well he lived by it until his death at age 120.
4. Teach your children early, and teach them WELL!

D. Elizabeth

1. She desired to be a mother
2. Motherhood was a blessing and she was happy to be a mother.
3. She was a good example for John the Baptist.

E. Eunice & Lois

1. This mother and Grandmother taught Timothy very well
2. The best time to begin teaching a child is with it's grandmother.

F. Mary

1. A pure life and a pure heart are ingredients of being a good mother
2. Respect for God is necessary in raising godly children.

CONCLUSION

1. Mothers are honored by their children, husbands and friends. This special day is set aside for special honor and we are happy to do this.
 2. Children - the best way to honor your mother is to live as a Christian all the days of your life. If you can be a leader - elder, deacon, preacher, Bible class teacher, other special worker then do your best.
 3. Mothers are the secret to having good leaders in the church.
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