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Acts 6: 4 ASV

A Bad Mother

A Message for Adults

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- God's chosen aren't teacher's pets, but role models in their behavior drawing others to follow covenant. In earnest with a binding and non-refundable responsibility they ³ bless all the families of the earth. Genesis 12: 3 ASV We continue our season studying the question What is man? Today we ponder scriptural examples of a bad mother.
- Hosea's story encompasses the pain of adultery and suffering caused by betrayal of a promiscuous woman he married, Gomer. She was mother to their three children.

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- Jezebel urged Ahab on to horrible wrong and blood. ¹⁶ Ahab king of Israel, ¹⁷ thirty-two years old when he began to reign in Jerusalem, ¹⁸ did evil in the sight of Jehovah. II Kings 8: 18 ASV
- Athaliah came from bad stock, succeeding Jezebel. It was fatal blood to have in one's veins. Athaliah married Jehoram. Her counsel was the same disloyalty to God, inhumanity to man, mad and mischievous ambition, acceptance of every crime her mother advised, as she killed all the royal family except Joash

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the infant. She dedicated herself to making her boy meaner, more sadistic, more venomous than herself. She so ruined her husband that when he died, the public refused to allow him burial in the sepulchers of the kings. She aimed to do so much for her son. Shrewd, scheming, exceptionally influential, this mother used the confidential relationship, a relationship of privilege, meant to be sacred, to focus her power of fascination, and make her bow wicked, unjust and immoral, false to God and to man. ³ His mother was his counselor to do

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wickedly. II Chronicles 22: 3 ASV

- I tell you this, woman. As your womb shaped the fetus that grew into an infant, ready for birth, so you shape the infant that grows into a boy, and later into a man, ready for eternity. Mothers have more to do with the morality of this nation than anyone else. Mothers outflank associates, girl friends, educators, employers, cousins, anybody and everybody. Will it be written of you someday, mother, by penitentiary warden, by arresting officer, by a court-martial, by a minister at the graveside, of your son, that his

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mother was his counselor to do wickedly?

- What is happening to mother instinct? It makes me shiver to realize Satan is busy breeding bad mothers. Take a look around. There may be one on your street, next door to you, or in your family. Who really teaches the small to lie, cheat, steal, deceive, and resent restraint? Who trains the small to become decoys? Who makes the small realize they are pawns in the adult game of fraud? You do mother! Let me tell you this! The vast amount of mischief done by

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winking at things that are not righteous build character, and it must never be how cute or clever a child is, but how correct a child is.

Mamma, God made you that umpire behind home plate. What happens is up to you. When you accepted motherhood, it impends upon you to determine for your offspring what is right and wrong!

- Mamma don't cry. Be what you may, but don't be a hypocrite. Your offspring will stop being what they are when you stop liking what you

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like. There is a world of difference between Hannah who raised Samuel, and Athaliah. Every day of the week is Mother's Day.

- Women need to get back to their given jobs, being a help meet and motherhood. Certainly material advantages will suffer. That is obvious. The net loss gained outweighs any material advantage accomplished.
- It was not mere accident Nero's mother was a murderess; or that Napoleon's mother was a woman of prodigious energy; or that Patrick

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Henry's mother was a distinguished talker; or that Lord Bacon's mother was remarkable for superior mental gifts; or that Wesley's mother had executive ability; or that Washington's mother was devout, pure, true, and of the loftiest character. Would there have been a revolution in 1776 if there had not been Massachusetts mothers and Rhode Island mothers and Virginia mothers, and North Carolina mothers who bred independence and a sense of fair play and honor into sons? They were self-sacrificing, brave, large minded

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women. There is something more involved than pure chance.

- You ask me the greatest need in these United States today, and I will reply mothers. Underpaid babysitters do their best. They are at beck and call. They can never substitute for mother. I am glad that I wasn't raised by a babysitter. I received counsel from my mother. I am glad that my son's were not raised by a babysitter. They received good counsel from their mother. God has blessed any child who

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has a mother to guide him, who honors the Bible, keeps a garden of prayer, respects the privacy of her body, seeks eternity as counsel. God save any child from a bad mother; who respects no bed of her own, who exalts the bottle, the pill, the lurid screen, the frosty tones of society, and the scramble for money as counsel. Has legacy of my gladness come to an end?

- There is no option. A woman like Athaliah deserves hell.

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prayers every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.*

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