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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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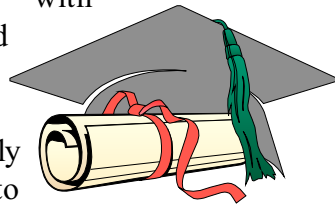
Sunday 9 AM & 6 PM — Wednesday 6 PM

News

—Hallie Davidson is in the Hart County Health Care Center in Horse Cave. Continue to remember **Mandy Hankins, Jean Coffee, Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jimmy Terry.**

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The month of May brings graduation from various institutions of learning. The area seniors will reach a major milestone in their lives. They will be beaming with excitement as they are pronounced graduates, and ushered into the next phase of their lives.



You, like myself, have probably known seniors who were not permitted to graduate at the last moment because of some requirement that was not satisfied. The bitter disappointment runs deep as they see defeat overtake their scholastic careers. Even though it is not much comfort to them at the time, they will have other opportunities to graduate as they fulfill the requirements.

Not only those who fail to meet the requirements will be denied graduation, but those who dropped out of school will not be permitted to graduate. No doubt, on the night of graduation, the majority of those who dropped out wish they had not made that decision. It can probably be more clearly seen that this was not the answer to any school problems the student may have been experiencing.

Even though one may drop out of school, it is possible to reenter school and complete the necessary steps for graduation. The same cannot be said of our spiritual lives.

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Sunday, May 3, 2009		
Classes	15	Revelation 22:1-7
Preaching	23	Revelation 22
Contribution	\$349.88	
Evening	17	Singing
Wednesday, May 6, 2009		
Classes	17	Exodus 12:1-22

Bible Quiz

The first born were to be redeemed with a what?

Last Week's Answer— about 600,000 (Exodus 12:37)

If we fail to meet the requirements, or if we drop out of spiritual service, our heavenly reward will not be granted, and there will be no other opportunities. Remember the words of II Chronicles 15:7 “*Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak: for your work shall be rewarded.*”

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—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)