

5-8-22 Message Mothers day Message
Biblical Role Models Good and Bad

Consider what Solomon said:

Ecclesiastes 7:27 Behold, this have I found, saith the preacher, counting one by one, to find out the account:

Ecclesiastes 7:28 Which yet my soul seeketh, but I find not: one man among a thousand have I found; but a woman among all those have I not found.

This is Mother's Day, and it our tradition to honor mothers and motherhood this day. Without a mother none of us would be here. Today we are suffering for good role models for women to follow. Motherhood is in a crisis, because we look to the wrong people for role models. Solomon said, it is hard to find an upright man amongst a thousand. Yet he says amongst a thousand he has not found one woman that could be held up as a role model.

In Proverbs it says,

Proverbs 31:10 Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.

The people we hold up in the world as role models for Motherhood all fail. However, there have been some gems that we can lift up before you this mother's day as role models.

This morning I am going to give you some good biblical role models of motherhood for every woman to follow. Then this evening I am going to give some bad role models of motherhood.

This morning we are going to consider:

GOOD BIBLICAL ROLE MODELS FOR WOMEN.

I. First of all, the greatest Role Model for a mother is given in Proverbs 31. The Virtuous woman of Proverbs 31 is a perfect role model.

The only problem with this woman given in Proverbs 31 is that she does not exist. She was what Solomon envisioned as the perfect, virtuous woman.

I could spend the whole morning sharing the characteristics of a virtuous woman from proverbs 31. If I did, here would be her virtues.

As I go down verse by verse in Proverbs 31 I come up with 21 virtues that the Bible gives to the virtuous woman.

1. Prov. 31:11 She is trustworthy towards her husband.
2. Prov. 31:12 She will do good towards her husband all her life.
3. Prov. 31:13 She works willingly with her hands.
4. Prov. 31:14 She is frugal and knows how to get a deal.
5. Prov. 31:15 She is an early riser and makes the most of a day.
6. Prov. 31:16 She is a wise in business and productive for her family.
7. Prov. 31:17 She is a hard worker and strong.
8. Prov. 31:18 She is the first one up and the last to go to bed
in her household.
9. Prov. 31:19 She is the one that clothes her family.
10. Prov. 31:20 She is charitable and helps the poor and needy.
11. Prov. 31:21 She looks ahead and prepares proper clothing for her family.
12. Prov. 31:22 She is sharp and properly clothed herself.
13. Prov. 31:23 She is the key to her husband's success and helps him.
14. Prov. 31:24 She has a home business to help financing in the needs of
the home.
15. Prov. 31:25 Her inward character is her greatest virtue and clothing.
16. Prov. 31:26 She has great biblical wisdom and reflects it in her speech.
17. Prov. 31:27 She lives for her family and is diligent and not idle.
18. Prov. 31:28 She is respected of her children and husband.
19. Prov. 31:29 She excels above her peers.
20. Prov. 31:30 She fears the Lord and her inward beauty excels and she is
worthy to be praised.
21. Prov. 31:31 Her works will bring her praise before all that know her.

Bottom line Proverbs 31:10 She is rarer than any diamond or emerald or ruby.

Proverbs 31:10 Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.

This is the biblical super woman role model.

But the Bible gives some particular women that fit this mold.

II. Sarah Was A Role Model Of Submission: She called Abraham Lord.

I Peter 3:5 For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:

I Peter 3:6 Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.

Sarah is called a role model for women to follow.

She is a role model of submission and subjection to her husband.

It is said here that she called Abraham Lord.

In a day when submission is made light of and the teaching of wives being subject unto their husbands is being rejected as nothing more than a bunch of extra cultural baggage that comes along with the Bible, Christian women need to look to Sarah as a role model of subjection and submission.

Today our government has coined a word for those who died in the war in Iraq.

Those who died in action are said to have made the ultimate sacrifice.

In other words, they went somewhere and submitted to their military duty and orders. In the process of submitting, it cost them their lives.

We laud these people as heroes and there is nothing wrong with that.

However, I believe every wife who submits to her husband is a true hero.

A hero is a person who sacrifices themselves for a greater cause than themselves. They are willing to make sacrifices to do their duty.

Satan is out to destroy every home that he can, and every wife who is willing to play the biblical role of a subordinate in the home is, in my mind, the true HERO!!!

Sarah: she obeyed Abraham when he went down to Abimelech the king of Gerar.

She submitted to Abraham and was willing to bear a child for Abraham at age 90.

Apparently she had such a reputation for her submission that Paul uses her as a role model for ladies to emulate and follow.

Today, what the Bible clearly teaches on this issue is overwhelmingly rejected.

ATLANTA, On 2000-OCT-21, Jimmy Carter, former President of the U.S. and a Sunday school teacher with the Southern Baptists since the age of 18, has severed ties with his denomination. He and his wife Rosalyn have felt "increasingly uncomfortable and somewhat excluded, in recent years." The denomination's statement that prohibits women from serving as pastors and which requires women to be submissive to their husbands was the final straw. Carter said: "I think there ought to be the ability for Baptists who have slightly different commitments to Christianity to get along, work together and love each other."

-Former President Jimmy Carter, the son of a Southern Baptist Sunday school teacher, has disassociated himself from the nation's largest Protestant denomination and criticized its "increasingly rigid creed."

"I have finally decided that, after 65 years, I can no longer be associated with the Southern Baptist Convention," the 76-year-old former president said in a letter mailed to 75,000 Baptists nationwide on Thursday by a group of moderate Texas Baptists.

Carter said the Southern Baptist Convention, which has almost 16 million members, has adopted policies "that violate the basic premises of my Christian faith," including a denominational statement that prohibits women from being pastors and tells wives to be submissive to their husbands.

How can people who claim to be Christians deny what the Bible clearly teaches? It is explained as follows: Basically Jimmy Carter says in an interview that he disagrees with Jesus and therefore disagrees with the Bible.

A Playboy interview almost kept him from getting elected President. In an interview, he admitted to "lusting in his heart" after other women besides his wife. The reporter had supposedly finished the interview, walked out on the porch and followed up with him about this detail of Jesus' teaching, where Jesus says that having sexual thoughts about another person besides your spouse is the same as infidelity. Carter honestly admitted that he, like almost every other human being, has had such thoughts. The media, of course, turned it into a huge issue. Carter went on to say ***"I disagree with Jesus about this. I do not think that having the thought is as bad as doing the deed,...."***

The Bible is clear on this issue of a woman's role in the family and even in society, yet there is only one reason people do not do what the Bible says in this matter. It is simply this, they disagree with the Bible and God!

Sarah is a role model for women because she was held up in the Scripture for her example of Submission to Abraham.

We need a group of women today who are willing to believe the Bible on this issue. We need godly women who do not look at themselves as being oppressed for holding this biblical standard. Such women are heroes of the faith. Consider, a hero is one who sacrifices something for a greater cause.

We have a lot of Christians upset about the way our nation is going with the homosexual and transgender agendas. I say to you the root of this movement was grounded in the woman's lib movement and unisex movement in the 60's. The integrity of the sexes starts with obeying the Bible about biblical submission and the role of the man and the woman in the family.

***II. The Next Role Model we See in Bible is Rahab:
Rahab was a role model of Faith.***

Sarah was a role model of submission, and Rahab is a role model of faith.

There were three women that made it into the genealogies of Jesus who you would think should not have been there.

The first was Tamar, who pretended to be a Harlot to have a child to carry on the biblical line from which Christ did come. She did so because she wanted her son to carry on the family name and she believed that the highest calling for any woman was to have children.

The next of unlikely women to be in the line of Christ was Rahab. The third was Ruth the Moabitess. The Bible has nothing good to say about the Moabites but Ruth was the exception.

But of these three the most unlikely to be in Christ's genealogies was Rahab the Harlot! Why did God think enough of Rahab to include her in the genealogies of Jesus Christ?

Why?

It was because she exhibited unusual faith for a gentile.

She lived in a pagan city, lived a pagan existence as a harlot.
She heard about the God of the Bible and received Him.
She risked her life to hide the Israelite spies.

So it is that Jesus said of her and others who had similar conversion experience:

Luke 7:47 Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little.

We normally do not think of Rahab as being a role model for women.
She was a prostitute in Jericho.

But her conversion to God was so great that God placed her in the great hall of fame of faith in Hebrews Chapter 11. She was a great example of faith.

Rahab and Sarah are the only two women mentioned by name in Hebrews chapter 11, though others may be alluded to, they are not named in particular.

No doubt God felt Rahab's faith merited her a position in the genealogies of Jesus. This spiritual virtue was more important than other virtues that a person could have.

Rahab married a man from the tribe of Judah by the name of Solomon and had a child by the name of Boaz.

Boaz married Ruth. Ruth was another unlikely candidate to be in the genealogies of Christ. In general, the Bible has nothing good to say about Moabites.

Ruth had a child by the name of Obed.

Obed had a son by the name of Jesse.

And Jesse had a Son by the name of David,
and you know the rest of the story

Rahab was a great role model of faith.

It is faith that causes us to please God, and sometimes those who have come from the worst backgrounds could exhibit the greatest faith.

The blood of Jesus washes away all our sins.

III. The Next woman in the Bible that we can consider a role Model to follow Was Ruth the Moabitess:

Ruth was such a great woman of faith that the Bible dedicated a whole book to.

Ruth is an example of not only Faith, but also Loyalty:

Ruth 1:16 And Ruth said, Entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God:

Ruth 1:17 Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the LORD do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me.

Ruth 1:18 When she saw that she was stedfastly minded to go with her, then she left speaking unto her.

Every woman needs to learn loyalty.

My Mom loyal to my dad. In fact, I wrote the song virtuous women and dedicated it to her.

My Grandmother was loyal to my grandfather.

I had a great family though they were not born again Christians. My parents had a lot of good biblical character traits. In fact, one of the hardest things for me to do in getting saved was to put the Lord first in my life even above love of family.

Matthew 10:37 He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

Here is Ruth saying I will go where you go. I will not leave you. I am committed and loyal to you. Ruth had to leave all to follow the Naomi and the God of Israel.

A wife needs to be loyal to be a good wife.

Loyal in good times and bad times.
Loyal in sickness or in health.

Many a secular psychologist and therapist has counseled women to leave their sick spouses to pursue their own agendas.

Ruth was an example of loyalty. She was willing to be loyal to Naomi even if it meant she would never again get married.

Even if she would die in Israel, impoverished, etc.

She said,

YOUR PEOPLE WILL BE MY PEOPLE.
YOUR GOD WILL BE MY GOD.

Today our nation is characterized by selfishness.

The self life. Everyone seeking their own is the norm.

This is why Ruth is such a great role model for woman today.

IV. Then the next role model for women in the Bible. Esther a Role Model Of Bravery.

Esther. This is the second book in the Bible to be dedicated in the name of one of the great women of the past.

Sarah role model of Submission.
Rehab was a role model of Faith.
Ruth was a role model of Loyalty.
Esther is a role model of Courage.

Esther 4:10 Again Esther spake unto Hatach, and gave him commandment unto Mordecai;

Esther 4:11 All the king's servants, and the people of the king's provinces, do know, that whosoever, whether man or woman, shall come unto the king into the inner court, who is not called, there is one law of his to put him to death, except such to whom the king shall hold out the golden scepter, that he may live: but I have not been called to come in unto the king these thirty days.

Esther 4:12 And they told to Mordecai Esther's words.

Esther 4:13 Then Mordecai commanded to answer Esther, Think not with thyself that thou shalt escape in the king's house, more than all the Jews.

Esther 4:14 For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?

Esther 4:15 Then Esther bade them return Mordecai this answer,

Esther 4:16 Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish.

She said, If I perish I perish.

Esther was an example of Bravery.

Queen Vashti was exiled, removed from the royal queen position, because she refused to come to the king. And there was no law that said it was a crime to do so.

But there was a clear law that stated that it was an offence to come into the court of the king without an express invitation. The crime was punishable by death.

She was brave and willing to take a risk in order to help and preserve her people.

One of the characteristics that many women face is insecurity.

Many women need to feel secure. Esther had all the security in the world being the queen as long as she pleased the King.

By entering the court she was risking his displeasure.
It took some bravery on her part to do this.

Application: There comes a time in the life of a woman or wife that she needs to be willing to trust God and follow the will of God for her family even if it means taking some risks and risking your security.

A Godly woman needs to be a woman of bravery.

If I perish I perish. This bravery stemmed from her faith and trust in God!

V. The Next role Model for woman:

Mary the Mother Of Jesus A Role Model of Surrender.

She was totally yielded to God.

Luke 1:38 And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

Luke 1:39 And Mary arose in those days, and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Juda;

Sarah	Example of Submission.
Rehab	Example of Faith.
Ruth	Example of Loyalty.
Esther	Example of Bravery.
Mary	Example of Willingness and being totally yielded to God.

We don't think of Mary as a role model, but she was.

Mary was willing to risk her relationship with Joseph in order that she be used of God.

So many young people are willing to compromise to get their way.
Especially when it comes to getting a spouse.

Better never to marry than to marry the wrong person.

Testimony after testimony of people who compromise.
Wife with Bible college.

Sometimes women are so anxious to get married they are willing to compromise spiritually in order to achieve their dream and goal.

Some women compromise themselves sexually.
Some women compromise themselves spiritually, date unsaved.
Some women compromise themselves and do not trust God in doing what's right.

God said to Mary you are going to have a child supernaturally.

Mary was willing to be the Mother of the Messiah and she was a role model of yielding and surrendering to God.

She was willing to yield herself to God.

Romans 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

She was selling, possibly sacrificing, her relationship with Joseph in order that she may do the Will of God.

Matthew 1:19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily.

Matthew 1:20 But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

Joseph was going to put Mary away privately and keep this matter secret.

Mary yielded herself to God and let God work out the other details.

This Mother's day:

We need to follow the example for these.

Sarah:	A Woman who was subject to her husband.
Rahab	A Woman who exercised Faith in God.
Ruth	A Woman who was Loyal.
Esther	A Woman of bravery.
Mary	A Woman who was totally yielded to God.

These 5 women stand out as being the greatest women in Bible.
There were others also, but these stand out as being examples of greatness.

***Mother's day Evening Service.
WOMEN WHO WERE BAD ROLE MODELS.
MADE THE GREATEST MISTAKES.***

I. The Negative Role Model of Eve an example of being beguiled.

II Corinthians 11:2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

II Corinthians 11:3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

Eve was an example of a woman who was beguiled.

We are living in very deceptive days and there are many things out there to beguile women.

Women are easily beguiled because they were created by God to need leadership: Under the wrong leadership they will go astray.

Today: There are many other leaders besides God ordained leaders that are clamoring to be followed.

Think of all the sources of negative influence that can affect women and men today.

Books.

Magazines.

Television.

Videos.

Even false religious leaders.

Women preachers who are seducing other women to rebel against their husbands.

Pentecostalism, women's lib. etc.

Consider how Eve was a bad role model:

1. She strayed from her place of safety and ventured too close to temptation.

Ladies, the safest place on earth for you to be is at home with your husbands.

The Bible says to flee temptation.

I Timothy 6:9 But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.

I Timothy 6:11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

Eve got venturing out alone without her husband and got in trouble.

Speaking of an ungodly woman the Bible describes her as follows:

Proverbs 7:11 (She is loud and stubborn; **her feet abide not in her house:**

Her feet abide not in her house:

Most danger occurs when we stray from the place that God ordained for us.
When we are where we are suppose to be we are safe.

In the war with Iraq many times the soldiers that were killed or taken captive were taken captive because they made a wrong turn and got separated from their division. Their feet wondered:

2. She entered into a dialogue about matters that she had no business debating about.

So it is the liberated women of this world are actually the ones who are in bondage to Satan.

More and more young women are going into new age religions and Satanism.

II Corinthians 11:3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

II Corinthians 11:4 For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.

Pentecostalism.	Women tend to dominate and lead.
Cults.	Women tend to lead.
Liberal Churches.	Women tend to lead.

They are being beguiled by the serpent into philosophies and other things that they do not need to venture into.

II. The Negative Role model of Jezebel.

I Kings 16:30 And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD above all that were before him.

I Kings 16:31 And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took to wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and went and served Baal, and worshipped him.

1. Jezebel lead Ahab in false worship.

Her name became synonymous with woman leadership even in the New Testament Church.

Revelation 2:20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.

I Timothy 2:11 Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection.

I Timothy 2:12 But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.

I Timothy 2:13 For Adam was first formed, then Eve.

I Timothy 2:14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.

One of the most deceiving things about women preachers is that many times it is not that a woman preacher may say anything wrong, but the whole picture is wrong. Just because the woman is saying things that are good does not make it right. Read about Balaam. He did not say one thing wrong. It was just that he was wrong! His advice that Balak could not beat Israel suggested he try to join up with them!

It breaks a spiritual picture.

Much of spirituality in this life depends on spiritual pictures.

Why was God so upset at Moses for striking the Rock twice in the wilderness of Meribah? He was upset because that Rock was a picture of Christ and Christ was crucified only once for our sins and now we freely drink of his spirit. Now we only have to speak to Him and the water comes out.

So God is angry at all these churches that crucify our Lord all over again in their so called Masses, where in the Eucharist they claim that Christ is crucified all over again for sins.

You cannot see the spirit world, what we do in the physical world is supposed to represent the spiritual world.

Paul even said the way we dress should represent spiritual pictures.

I Corinthians 11:3 But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.

I Corinthians 11:4 Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoureth his head.

I Corinthians 11:5 But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered dishonoureth her head: for that is even all one as if she were shaven.

I Corinthians 11:6 For if the woman be not covered, let her also be shorn: but if it be a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven, let her be covered.

I Corinthians 11:7 For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man.

I Corinthians 11:8 For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man.

I Corinthians 11:9 Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man.

I Corinthians 11:10 For this cause ought the woman to have power on her head because of the angels.

I Corinthians 11:11 Nevertheless neither is the man without the woman, neither the woman without the man, in the Lord.

I Corinthians 11:12 For as the woman is of the man, even so is the man also by the woman; but all things of God.

I Corinthians 11:13 Judge in yourselves: is it comely that a woman pray unto God uncovered?

I Corinthians 11:14 Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him?

I Corinthians 11:15 But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering.

I Corinthians 11:16 But if any man seem to be contentious, we have no such custom, neither the churches of God.

This morning we made reference to what Jimmy Carter said:

When playboy magazine asked Jimmy Carter about what Jesus said about a man looking at a woman to lust after her: that a lustful thought is the same as committing adultery in a man's heart. ***Jimmy Carter could not argue that that is what Jesus said, he said that he disagreed with Jesus about this. He had to say, "I just do not think that having the thought is as bad as doing the deed.."***

So it is that people cannot argue what the Bible teaches about gender and properly representing our gender in the way we dress and what Paul taught the issue. They just have to say, I don't agree with the Bible.

Many will say I disagree with the Bible and Paul.

Well as for me, I am going to follow the Bible and Paul. They are far greater authority, and since we have abandoned the Bible what has happened to our churches, our homes, and even our country morally. We are to the point that we don't even want to give the gender of our children until they are old enough to decide for themselves.

How strong are our families?

What has happened to strong leadership?

2. Jezebel was a manipulator:

I Kings 21:7 And Jezebel his wife said unto him, Dost thou now govern the kingdom of Israel? arise, and eat bread, and let thine heart be merry: I will give thee the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.

I Kings 21:8 So she wrote letters in Ahab's name, and sealed them with his seal, and sent the letters unto the elders and to the nobles that were in his city, dwelling with Naboth.

I Kings 21:9 And she wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people:

I Kings 21:10 And set two men, sons of Belial, before him, to bear witness against him, saying, Thou didst blaspheme God and the king. And then carry him out, and stone him, that he may die.

Many a preacher has been railroaded by some Jezebels in the church. She signs her complaint in the name of her husband. Her husband goes to a leadership meeting at the church and when he gets home Jezebel reads him the riot act.

Even churches become places of manipulation and trickery and politicking.

Well I am just following the leadership of my husband many a Jezebel claims. She sends out a letter in the name of her husband.

I Kings 21:8 So she wrote letters in Ahab's name, and sealed them with his seal, and sent the letters unto the elders and to the nobles that were in his city, dwelling with Naboth.

How many times I have seen the little lady nagging her husband to death until he said we are not going to that church any more.

I Kings 21:8 So she wrote letters in Ahab's name, and sealed them with his seal, and sent the letters unto the elders and to the nobles that were in his city, dwelling with Naboth.

She wrote letters and used her husband's authority as a cloak for her evil deeds.

So it is today. I have seen many a lady pull people out of our church and pretend it was their husband's idea.

III. The Negative Role Model of Athaliah:

II Kings 11:1 And when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the seed royal.

II Kings 11:2 But Jehosheba, the daughter of king Joram, sister of Ahaziah, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the king's sons which were slain; and they hid him, even him and his nurse, in the bedchamber from Athaliah, so that he was not slain.

II Kings 11:3 And he was with her hid in the house of the LORD six years. And Athaliah did reign over the land.

Wicked Athaliah. She actually kills her own babies for a job.

The number one reason for abortion is because of money and position. A lot of women esteem their positions and jobs more important than their children and grandchildren. This is wickedness!

We think it is less of a crime if a woman kills their unborn than their living child. What is the difference if they are unborn or born the reasoning is the same. Kill them so that I can enjoy my life and position more.

Athaliah was the product of Jezebel.

First came Jezebel then came Athaliah.

What one generation does to moderation the next does to excess.

Eve	Example of Women Beguiled.
Jezebel	Example of Women in Spiritual Leadership.
Athaliah	Example of Women striving for position willing to sacrifice and destroy her own children who get in her way.

IV. The Negative Example Of Immoral Herodias.

Matthew 14:6 But when Herod's birthday was kept, the daughter of Herodias danced before them, and pleased Herod.

Matthew 14:7 Whereupon he promised with an oath to give her whatsoever she would ask.

Matthew 14:8 And she, being before instructed of her mother, said, Give me here John Baptist's head in a charger.

Matthew 14:9 And the king was sorry: nevertheless for the oath's sake, and them which sat with him at meat, he commanded it to be given her.

Matthew 14:10 And he sent, and beheaded John in the prison.

Matthew 14:11 And his head was brought in a charger, and given to the damsel: and she brought it to her mother.

Many a preacher's head has been cut off by a Herodias.

When a preacher preaches standards of morality, the Herodias' of this world get mad at him.

Many a preacher has lost his head because of an angry Herodias.

Many a preacher has had to resign his church because of an Herodias.

She used her immoral femininity to influence her husband politically.

Her and her daughter were the first “Mob” dressed in white.

V. The Negative Role Model Of Sapphira's Hypocrisy.

The negative role Model of Hypocrisy:

She encouraged her husband to lie to the church and God for appearance sake.

Acts 5:1 But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession,

Acts 5:2 And kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Acts 5:3 But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?

Acts 5:4 Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.

Acts 5:5 And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things.

Acts 5:6 And the young men arose, wound him up, and carried him out, and buried him.

Acts 5:7 And it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife, not knowing what was done, came in.

Acts 5:8 And Peter answered unto her, Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much? And she said, Yea, for so much.

Acts 5:9 Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door, and shall carry thee out.

Acts 5:10 Then fell she down straightway at his feet, and yielded up the ghost: and the young men came in, and found her dead, and, carrying her forth, buried her by her husband.

Religious Hypocrisy is a terrible thing.

Many people put on a show on Sunday wanting to look good before the church.

Hypocrisy is a terrible thing.

She should have encouraged her husband to tell the truth.

Many a woman has played the hypocrite in Church.

The sin of Ananias and Sapphira was not that they did not give all their money. Nor was it that they held back a portion for themselves.

The sin was that they lied about it and pretended they were doing something they never did. They pretended to have given their all but they only gave a portion. Their sin was that they lied to the Holy Spirit.

So we have the negative role models:

Eve	She was beguiled of Satan.
Jezebel	She Usurped her husbands authority.
Athaliah	She killed her own children.. for power.
Herodias	She manipulated to destroy the preacher.
Sapphira	She conspired with her husband to commit hypocrisy.

Conclusion: These are the bad role models in the Bible. Their faults and infamous deed live on in history forever. They are there to remind us what not to do. Even as Paul used Eve as a spiritual example of what not do.

He said, be careful that as the serpent beguiled Eve you find yourselves beguiled of the devil. II Cor. 11:3

The Bible gives women a good example to follow.
The Bible gives the history of bad examples for people to learn from.

Choose the good.
Follow the good.
Emulate the good.