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# The Domineering Mother

**Introduction:** Through the years all my articles on motherhood have all been on the positive side. In this article I am going to the flip side. In this article the traits of a domineering mother will be revealed.

The mother that we will be revealing today has gone down in history as one of the worst examples of motherhood. Her name is Jezebel. She was the wife of Ahab and the mother of Athaliah.

I Kings 21:1-16, II Kings 11:1-3, II Kings 9:30-37.

And when Jehu was come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; and she painted her face, and tired <mark>her</mark> head, and looked out at a window. And as Jehu entered in the gate, she said, Had Zimri peace, who slew his master?'

#### FIRST: A PROMOTER OF FALSE RELIGION.

'Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time."

After the prophets of her false religion were defeated, Jezebel sent out a death warrant to have Elijah killed. She calls for her death from her gods if she did not succeed. That was easy for her since her gods were not real.

Jezebel was literally a leader in a religion that offered up children as human sacrifices.

Mom? Are you promoting a religion that your children will follow that promotes abortion and hatred?

#### SECOND: A PLOTTER OF EVIL SCHEMES.

I KINGS 21:5-14

When Jezebel knew her husband wanted a parcel of land that belonged to someone else, but the person refused to sell it, she plotted to have Naboth, who owned the land, murdered. I have been in the ministry now for 46 years and one thing that is absolutely obvious is that

domineering women become domineering wives, and domineering mothers.

Let us examine some of the character traits of a domineering woman.

1. Rejects spiritual authority. Colossians 3:18, Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord.'

When a wife begins to run everything, she eventually becomes stressed and critical. That criticism slowly develops into bitterness.

Notice: Proverbs 30:23, '...For an odious woman when she is married...'

'Odious' means to be: Hateful, mean, or to become an enemy of.

2. Loves to argue. Proverbs 19:13, '...the contentions of a wife are a continual dropping.' A home is not to be a battle zone, or a boxing ring. It is to be a place of happiness, sweetness, love and a gracious spirit.

Remember, mom! Those things your children see and hear in the home will affect their future. Children imitate what they see and hear more than what you tell them to do.

3. Gives horrible advice. I Kings 21:25, 'But there was none like unto Ahab, which did Continued

#### Motherhood



'I thank God. . . 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.'—II Tim. 1:3,5.

Paul could thank God for Timothy's faith and his wonderful life and ministry, and so he could thank God for the grandmother Lois and the mother Eunice, who had taught Timothy to know and love the Saviour. Oh, we ought to thank God for good

John R. Rice

Of the Ten Commandments, four of them have to do with our relation to God, and the last six, with our relationship to mankind. But the first of these six is, 'Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee' (Exod. 20:12). And we are reminded in Ephesians 6:2 that this is the first commandment with promise.

The wife shares with her husband that marvelous privilege of bringing an immortal soul into being, in conception. The husband and wife are, 'heirs together of the grace of life.' (1 Pet. 3:7). Is it at the moment of conception, as we think, or at the time of quickening, or at the actual birth, that the child becomes an immortal soul? I think at the moment of conception. At any rate, God allows a woman, in her body, to partake of the creation of an immortal soul!

Motherhood, then, is greatly exalted in the Bible. It is the mother, as well as the father, who is to be honored, respected, obeyed, supported in her old age, by the children!

The Mosaic Law required the death penalty for murder. Exodus 21:12 says, 'He that smiteth a man, so that he die, shall be surely put to death.' And that teaching is repeated in Romans, chapter 13. But in the Mosaic Law, for a man to even smite his father or his mother, or to curse his father and mother, he was to be put to death. Exodus 21:15, 17 says, 'And he that smiteth his father, or his mother, shall be surely put to death. . . . And he that curseth his father, or his mother, shall surely be put to death.' A godly reverence is required of children for their parents, and the mother in this, at least, is equal to the father.



Saturday May 7 Mother's Day Saturday May 14 Your Testimony

#### Heritage Highlanders May 2022 Schedule

Proverbs 31:28 Psalms 119:46

Saturday May 21 Memorial Day Picnic Saturday May 28 Soulwinning

Proverbs 31:20

1 John 5:13

Contend For The Faith Jude 1-11



Dr. Tom Neal

Jude tells us to contend for the faith. That is a big job. Did you know that in contending for the faith, you may get weary? Did you know that you may get discouraged? If you are not careful, you can get a bad spirit. It is all right to have a bad spirit with the false prophets, but we should not have a bad spirit with each other. We should not have a bad spirit about life. We ought to be the happiest and most joyful people. Did you know that Jude tells you how to stay happy while you are contending for the faith?

In verse 11 Jude continues, '...and perished in the gainsaying of Core.'

What did Core do? He rebelled against authority. Good people do not rebel against authority or try to get you to rebel against authority. If somebody comes to your church to rebel against your pastor, confront them. Do not wait for your preacher to have to preach him out, pray him out, or kick him out. You get rid of him, Good people are not those who rebel against authority or who question soulwinning. Good people are not those who question what you are doing to keep people out of Hell and to build a church. That is not what good people do!

These people rebelled against authority and against the King James Bible. That is what we have today. That is why I think we ought to make more out of the Bible. You see, one of the biggest criticisms that fundamentalist may get is that we believe in the King James Bible. Every time critics say something about that, I yell louder. You should yell louder too. Proclaim that you believe the King James Bible! Why? The reason is that there are people in their churches who are beginning to figure out why one preacher has a Bible and why their preacher does not know where one is. They look at the old-fashioned preacher, and they say, 'He knows what he believes. I don't know why he believes it, but I know he has something that he can stand on, and he knows what he believes.'

sell himself to work wickedness...whom Jezebel his wife stirred up.'

Stirred up means, 'To incite.' Jezebel used her influence to get Ahab to do wrong.

Ladies, you should use your influence to encourage your husband and children to serve the Lord, not to rebel and to ruin.

4. Destroys her family. Proverbs 14:1, 'Every wise woman buildeth her house: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands.'

A husband and the children will be destroyed if they are constantly criticized and belittled. When their past is constantly brought up and renewed over and over again about past failures.

#### THIRD: A PAINTED BEAUTY.

II KINGS 9:30-31

'And she painted her face, and tired her head...'

We find that Jezebel discovers that Jehu has arrived. Her reaction is astonishing to me. We discover that she is not weeping, though her son has just been assassinated, and now Jehu is come for her.

What is her reaction? To beautify herself.

The word, 'painted,' means to 'rub on.' In other words, she is putting on her makeup.

Jezebel is an object lesson of a wife and mother whose priorities are all messed up.

How do we know this? Because as the executioner of vengeance is coming toward her, she is more concerned about how she looks rather than taking time to get right with God.

#### FOURTH: A PORTION LEFT.

II KINGS 9:34-35

'And they went to bury her: but they found no more of her than the skull, and the feet, and the palms of her hands.'

We do not know why she got all dressed up. Was she making herself attractive to seduce Jehu? I do not think so because she immediately insults him. That's why she was ordered to be thrown off the wall.

This woman has allowed herself to become so wicked that when she died a horrible death, it did not even affect the dinner of those who witness her horrible death.

<u>Conclusion:</u> It is so strange that before she dies, she calls Jehu a murderer. That is so typical and hypocritical of people who never see evil in themselves. This woman was the murderer of children, a next-door neighbor, and prophets, yet she calls Jehu a murderer.

By the way, her children, especially her daughter, became worse than mom.

#### **Prayer of Salvation**

If you were to die today, are you 100% sure you would go to Heaven?

If not, would you be willing to pray this prayer with me?

S. I'm asking you to come into my heart and forgive me of my sins. I'm trusting

'Dear Jesus, I'm asking you to come into my heart and forgive me of my sins. I'm trusting you, Jesus, as my Saviour. Thank you for saving me. Amen.' (Romans 10:9 and 10:13)



## Prayer of Service

'Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?' (Acts 9:6)





A Mother's Love

A woman calls her mother after an argument with her husband. 'We fought again! I'm coming to stay with you.' To which her mother replies, 'No, dear. He'll pay for his mistake. I'm coming to stay with you.'



Far away From all they knew, With hearts of pride And courage true,

Vowed to serve As freedom's light, And through their strength Our nation's might,

> They gave all Our brave defenders Where poppies lie, We will remember.

# Something to 'CROW' about!

- 1. Heritage Baptist Church had someone saved every week for 32 years.
- 2. Heritage Baptist Church has not closed our Sunday School, Sunday Morning, Sunday Night, or mid-week service in 32 years—including the last two years of COVID.
- 3. Heritage Baptist Church will be hosting the 8th Annual 'Old-Time Religion' Conference on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022.





Y'M TAXING YOUR PATIENCE? HEY. THAT'S A GREAT IDEA!'



'OKAY, DID ANYONE SAVE ROOM FOR TREATS?'



Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Heritage Baptist Academy

Commencement Sunday, June 12th, 7:00 PM



### From our Pastor's Wife ... Mrs. Vida Collingsworth Remembering My Memorial Day

Just a few days from now our nation will celebrate Memorial Day. This day is not just picnics and family fun. Memorial Day is not just another holiday to me. It is a special day for which we set aside to honor those who have been killed in war. This day carries much meaning in our family.

My husband's brother, Delano Billy Collingsworth, served in the Army Special Forces and was killed in Vietnam on Memorial Day. It is very fitting that we remember him (and others) who have given their lives - what a great price they paid for others.

My father, David Thomas, also served in the Marines during WWII and The Korean War. He passed away in 2004, and though his memory is with me everyday Memorial Day is a special day since this was his birthday. My father was a very quiet, strong man. I always thought he was so handsome and his military picture was one of my favorites.

Last, but of course, not least I think of Jesus, as I do everyday, but on Memorial Day, as I remember those who have given their lives for others, I remember Jesus who laid down His life willingly on the Cross and shed His blood for the sins of the world. What a price He paid so that we could be made free from the wages of sin and death!

As we consider Memorial Day, please consider Christ. Please trust Him for your eternal salvation, for He paid a price that no one could pay for you.



Delano Billy Collingsworth

My husband, Staff Sergeant Gerald B, Collingsworth, received the Outstanding Soldier of the Year Award on both company and battalion levels.



My husband was only 19 years old when this picture was taken. He is the soldier on the left. On the right is Major Dan Callihan of the Combat Engineers.



**David Thomas** 

#### The Blood Of Christ



Dr. Jack Hyles I Peter 1:19, 'But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without spot or blemish.'

I want to show you in the Bible why it is necessary for the blood of Jesus to be shed and why without that blood you couldn't be saved. You will learn why that blood has saving efficacy. I want you to follow me very carefully as we study together on the subject of the importance of the blood of Christ, and the fact that it does save.

What is Christ? Christ is our what? Passover. All right, is killing Christ enough? No, it took more than that. If Christ dying for us is enough, then He could have been choked to death. He could have been smothered. No, it had to be more than that.

Let's see what else happened. Look at Exodus 12:7, 'And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they

shall eat it.' Look at verse 12. We're skipping some because of time. 'For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD. And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you...' It didn't say, 'When I see a dead lamb, I will pass over you.'

To be the Passover lamb, His blood must be applied. Let's suppose that here's a Jewish family, and let's suppose that Jewish family had taken their lamb-by the way, a male lamb, a lamb without blemish, they had observed that lamb for four days and found him to be a lamb without blemish- and took a blanket or some kind of skin, grabbed the lamb, and put the cover over its mouth, and the lamb suffocated to death. Now, when the death angel passed over, would that have been all that was necessary? No, that lamb's blood had to be applied! It had to be applied on the doorposts and lintel of the house.

#### Prayer



# Observations of Abraham Lincoln AMERICA

All the armies of Europe, Asia, and Africa combined with all the treasure of the earth in their military chest, with a Bonaparte for a commander, could not by force take a drink from the Ohio (River), or make a track in the Blue Ridge [Mountains) in a trial of a thousand years.

Nowhere in the world is (there) presented a government of so much liberty and equality.

We are now a mighty nation; we are about thirty millions of people; and we own and inhabit about 1/15th of the dry land of the whole earth.

We shall prove in a few years that we are indeed the treasury of the world.

'America has many old ruins. Many of them can be found in taverns.'

#### **Lest We Forget**



'Bayonets! Forward To The Right!'

The 20th Maine had almost no ammunition left - its men had already fired nearly 20,000 rounds. There seemed no way that the Union's crucial position on Little Round Top could be saved. Faced with certain defeat, Colonel Joshua Chamberlain instinctively decided on a desperate bold tactic. 'Bayonet! Forward to the right!' came his command - words heard only imperfectly in the din of gunfire. But the men of the 20th Maine understood. The colors stood in front. The soldiers stood, shouted, and suddenly the entire line moved to charge at the oncoming Rebels.

The attacking Confederates, though superior in force, were completely surprised by this countercharge. Retreat was called, and 'when the signal was given, [the Rebels] ran like a heard of wild cattle...' The rout was so complete that many prisoners were taken. The heroic action had saved the Union's left flank - and possibly the battle at Gettysburg.



### Some food for thought ...or...

# Seed From The Silol

#### Justice Thomas Sounds an Alert

Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas raised eyebrows over a statement appearing to warn social media companies that their rights to censor objectionable speech might be curtailed soon...

He...questioned whether those companies weren't in violation of free speech rights when they censored the use of their platforms.

'Today's digital platforms provide avenues for historically unprecedented amounts of speech, including speech by government actors. Also unprecedented, however, is control of so much speech in the hands of a few private parties,' Thomas said in his written comments. 'We will soon have no choice but to address how our legal doctrines apply to highly concentrated, privately owned information infrastructure such as digital platforms.'

\*\*Carlos Garcia, theblaze.com\*\*

EDITOR'S COMMENTS: Although it is unclear what all Justice Thomas has in mind, it is abundantly clear that there are problems with social media platforms and these problems need to be addressed. Whatever is or is not done, the First Amendment is the foundation on which 'the rules' should be based.

#### Liberal Activist Urges Churches to Remove U.S. Flag From Altars

Progressive Christian activist and author Shane Claiborne has called on churches to remove the United States flag from their altars or consider adding the banners of other nations.

In a post on Twitter,... Claiborne stated that 'every pastor who has a flag on the altar' should 'please consider removing it' or add 'the flags of the other 195 countries of the world.'

'To be part of the Body of Christ is to transcend nationality,' the Red Letter Christians co-founder and leading figure in the New Monasticism movement argued. 'That's part of what it means to be 'born again.'

In an interview with the Christian Post... Claiborne explained that he was very concerned about this version of American nationalism that is camouflaging itself as Christianity.'

'Jesus inviting us to be born again means that we think beyond biology, beyond nationality, and have a broader compassion,' Claiborne argued. 'The Bible does say 'God so loved the world', not 'God so loved America.'

Michael Gryboski, christianpost.com

EDITOR'S COMMENTS: Call it progressivism or call it liberalism, whatever you call it, you should not let it impact you.

#### Twitter: Misidentifying Muslim Shooter as 'White Christian Terrorist' Is Okay

The man alleged to have murdered 10 people at a grocery store in Boulder, Colorado, was an anti-Trump Muslim immigrant; but Twitter has stated that tweets calling the suspect white and possibly Christian do not violate its misinformation policy.

[Police] named Ahmad Al Aliwi Alissa, a 21-year-old Syrian Muslim man...as the suspect in the mass shooting...

Before Alissa was named a suspect in the mass shooting, many took to Twitter claiming that the guilty party was white. Some claimed he was Christian. Many online commentators used the incident to bash white supremacy.

What Kind Of Seed Are You Sowing?

## Teen Camp 2022

July 11<sup>th</sup> through July 15<sup>th</sup>

At a campaign stop, a voter told a candidate, 'I wouldn't vote for you if you were St. Peter himself.'

'If I was St. Peter,' the politician replied, 'you wouldn't be in my district.'

Dr. Rob Gra

#### **Absolute Preaching**

Oh, this day of relativism is destroying us! Right used to be right, and wrong used to be wrong! Joseph Parker said of Spurgeon, 'The only colors Mr. Spurgeon knew were black and white. In all things he was definite. You either were in or out, up or down, alive or dead.' Jesus was dogmatic. *Mathew 12:30* says, 'He that is not with me is against me, and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.' To Jesus Christ there was no such person as an inactive church member. When the Titanic sank in 1912, there

were only two lists posted on the Cunard Office in New York-the lost and the saved! JUST A THOUGHT!

# **Our Statement of Faith**

We accept the Holy Scriptures contained in the Old and New Testaments as being the verbally inspired Word of God and being perfectly preserved in the King James 1611 Bible. We do not believe it can be corrected or improved upon in any way. It is the final rule of faith and practice. *Psalm 12:6-7, I Peter 1:23* 

We believe in the triune God, who is eternally in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *Matt.* 28:19-20
We believe in the deity of Christ—His virgin birth, His sinless life, His death for the sins of the world, His bodily

resurrection, His exaltation at God's right hand, His personal, imminent, and premillenial return.

I Corinthians 15:3-4, I Timothy 3:16, Acts 1:11

We believe that all men are sinners and are guilty before God; in need of a Saviour. **Romans 3:23**We believe that men are born again through faith in Jesus Christ; that they become the children of God, eternally saved; that the Holy Spirit dwells within every believer to guide and help him in his testimony and service.

#### Acts 16:30-31, Galatians 2:16, Ephesians 1:13, John 10:28

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved in Glory, and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost in hell. We believe that all believers have a responsibility to get the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ into all the world. *John 5:28-29, Luke 16:22-23, Rev. 20:11-15* 

We believe that Baptist churches were the first churches of Christianity and that Jesus founded a Baptist church. *John 1:35-37, Acts 1:22* 

# **Baptist Beliefs**

### **B**iblical Authority

- Autonomy of the Local Church
- Priesthood of ALL Believers
- Two ordinances Baptism & Communion
- I mmersed Church Membership
- S oul-liberty
- Two officers Pastors and Deacons
- S eparation of Church and State

# **Baptist Heritage**

- John the Baptist, Exalter of Christ
- Meno Simons (1496-1561), Dutch Anabaptist leader
- Roger Williams (1603-1683), Founded the first Baptist church in America in Providence, Rhode Island in 1638.
- John Clarke (1609-1676) was a Baptist preacher, medical doctor, and co-founder of the colony of Rhode Island. He was a driving force to get religious freedom into the charter of Rhode Island.
- **John Bunyan** (1628-1688), Baptist preacher who wrote *Pilgrim's Progress*
- Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892), might be the greatest Baptist pastor
- John Franklyn Norris (1877-1952), founder of World Baptist Fellowship
- Jack Frasure Hyles (1926-2001), 10,000 baptisms per year

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