

Biblical Encouragement for Moms

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Examples

We all have a different story. Some were born into very loving families, and some were not. Some were raised with prayer, and others did not. Some are from single parent homes and others had two parent homes. Some had a wonderful Church family, and others do not. We have Bible examples of godly people who came from all these situations...

No matter where you are in your walk with Christ, or what kind of past you have had, if you have given Him full control, *be assured that he will use you*. In fact, He will even use some of those negative experiences from the past if you have learned something from them.

As a mother, we can, by the power and wisdom of God, use negative examples around us to show the wrong path in life, and teach what is right.

This will help us in the raising of godly children. Jesus used negative examples of others as He taught people too.

Let's read I Corinthians 10:6-11 to see this.

“ Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted. Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play (revelry, a loud drinking party) Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty three thousand.

Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents. Neither murmur (complain) ye as some of them murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer.

Now all these things happened unto them for **examples and they were written for our admonition (instruction)...**”

My husband and I have also used the examples of other's with our children, not to be rude, not to be proud, but in the right spirit.
By the grace of God, we have found the Savior. We are eternally thankful for what Jesus has done in our lives.

First, let's look at some Bible examples of disobedience and consequences. All of these are Christians who disobeyed.

Samson- joking about sin, having a girlfriend who was an unbeliever.
Consequences: His eyes were poked out, complete blindness.
He was treated like an animal and lost his power with God.
**We learn that sin is serious, not a joking matter.

David- sexual sin, murder, several wives
Consequences: Death of a baby, bad reputation, guilty conscience "my sin is ever before me." Psalm 51:3
**We learn that sexual sin leads to more sins.

Jonah- disobedience to preach where God called him, hot temper
"But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was very angry." Jonah 4:1
Consequences: dangerous storms, swallowed by a great fish "Jonah was in the belly of a fish three days and three nights." Jonah 1:17
**We learn that compassion is better than anger. Follow God's instructions for blessing on your life.

Jacob- deceived others for selfish reasons. He was sometimes a liar. He favored one son over the others. "Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age..." Genesis 37:3
A negative person
Consequences: sons hated their dad "they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him" Genesis 37:4b
The sons could not get along with Joseph, and wanted to kill him.
Come now therefore, let us slay him, and cast him into some pit..."
Genesis 37:20 Hypocrisy is destructive to any family.
**We learn not to favor one child over another. It breeds rebellion.
Also, negativity is destructive. Jacob could have been a good testimony to Pharaoh & others, but instead he whined.
These are just a few examples..

Our families need to see that sin is not worth its consequences. Take time to explain Bible examples & save a lot of pain in your own family. Use Bible stories to teach Bible principles. Memorize scriptures like these:

Obedience & good consequences!

1. Psalm 51:10 *First, we must come clean before God:*
“Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within me.”

2. Psalm 73:28
“ It is good for me to draw near to God. I have put my trust in the Lord God, that I may declare all thy works.”

3. Psalm 84:11
“ For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly.”

4. Jesus said “ I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.” **John 10:10 b**

5. “He that hath My commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me, and he that loveth Me shall be loved of My Father, and I will love him, and will manifest (reveal) Myself to him.”
John 14:21

6. “And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.” **II Corinthians 9:8**

7. “Now our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation (comfort) and good hope through grace.” **II Thessalonians 2:16**

You have everything you need in Jesus. Don't be somebody's bad example of the Christian life. Put your whole heart into being a good example for your family & those who know you. Keep a steady walk with Christ, day after day, year after year.

“working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; in whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen”

Hebrews 13:21b

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