

## **The Five Types of Mothers**

- I. All mothers are women, but not all women are mothers but they have the potential to learn to mature to become mothers. God created women with this ability.  
**(NKJV) Ge 3:20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.**
  - A. Any woman can become a mother but not all women are mothers even though they may have children.
  - B. A mother is a special type of woman. She is a woman that has matured into a woman with a different type of mindset than the average woman.
    - 1. A mother has a loving devotion toward her child.
    - 2. The child becomes the mother's first priority, even over her own life. No matter the age, a mother is always a mother.
  - C. Today we are going to discuss motherhood. We are going to discuss different types of mothers. We are going to discuss the maturing of a woman into a mother.
  - D. We will define 5 types of mothers and use biblical examples of each.

### **THE ASPIRING MOTHER**

- 1. those women who desire to be a mother

### **THE ADOPTION MOTHER**

- 2. those women who are mothers of children not of their own

### **THE ANTICIPATING MOTHER**

- 3. those women who are expecting and maturing in the mind to be mothers

### **THE ACTUAL MOTHER**

- 4. those women who are currently mothers physically and emotionally

### **THE ALWAYS MOTHER**

- 5. those women who have been mothers

### **THE ASPIRING MOTHER**

#### ***Hannah***

## **II. THE ASPIRING MOTHER - Hannah**

- A. Hannah was a married woman who desired to be a mother. Yet, year after year she had hoped for child but one was never given to her.
- B. I am sure that Hannah and her husband had tried everything that the new. Finally, Hannah turned to the only one who could make a difference. Just like Isaac prayed for his wife...  
**(NKJV) 1 Sa 1:10 And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed to the LORD and wept in anguish. 11 Then she made a vow and said, "O LORD of hosts, if You will indeed look on the affliction of Your maidservant and**

**remember me, and not forget Your maidservant, but will give Your maidservant a male child, then I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life, and no razor shall come upon his head.”**

1. This should be the answer to all aspiring mothers

**(NKJV) 1 Sa 1:20 So it came to pass in the process of time that Hannah conceived and bore a son, and called his name Samuel, saying, “Because I have asked for him from the LORD.”**

...24 Now when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bulls, one ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and brought him to the house of the LORD in Shiloh. And the child was young. 25 Then they slaughtered a bull, and brought the child to Eli. 26 And she said, “O my lord! As your soul lives, my lord, I am the woman who stood by you here, praying to the LORD.

**27 For this child I prayed, and the LORD has granted me my petition which I asked of Him. 28 Therefore I also have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives he shall be lent to the LORD.” So they worshiped the LORD there.**

2. Hannah had desired a son and asked God for one. Then, she did as she had promised God. She kept her vow and gave to the Lord her firstfruit.
  - a. In exchange for her faithfulness, blessed her  
**(NKJV) 1 Sa 2:21 And the LORD visited Hannah, so that she conceived and bore three sons and two daughters. Meanwhile the child Samuel grew before the LORD.**
  - b. Why was she so blessed? See, the preceding verse.  
**(NKJV) 1 Sa 2:20 And Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, “The LORD give you descendants from this woman for the loan that was given to the LORD.” Then they would go to their own home.**

(1) What will reward faithfulness to him

- C. This was a godly woman and as a result, even though she gave up her child at a very early age, the mark she placed on him with her faithfulness to God affected the child and he became one of Israel's greatest prophets.

**(NKJV) 1 Sa 3:19 So Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. 20 And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel had been established as a prophet of the LORD.**

1. Though she was not there every day in his life, she had assured to the one thing that every mother should hold primary for the growth of her children.

**(NKJV) Eph 6:4 And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.**

2. An interesting thing happened to me last week. I asked my mom about my grandfather who died when I was five years old. I asked why I have such an attachment to him and such a commitment to God having been influenced by his work in ministry.

- a. She surprise me with her words by saying perhaps she had marked me by her thoughts regarding her father and her relationship to him.

- b. I remember so very little of him and yet it seems I know so much about him.

- (1) this came because of my mother

- D. You might think the Hannah giving him up for adoption might have shown some lack of love, no this was her great love and trust in God.

1. She loved her son so much that she put him in the hands of the Lord and the Lord blessed her and Samuel for their faithfulness to him.

2. She trusted God even though the man she entrusted him to had serious flaws.

### **THE ADOPTION MOTHER**

#### **The Daughter of Pharaoh**

### **III. THE ADOPTION MOTHER**

A. The Daughter of Pharaoh

B. Mothers who adopt are no less mothers. They participate in the further development of someone else's child.

**(NKJV) Ex 2:1 And a man of the house of Levi went and took as wife a daughter of Levi. 2 So the woman conceived and bore a son. And when she saw that he was a beautiful child, she hid him three months. 3 But when she could no longer hide him, she took an ark of bulrushes for him, daubed it with asphalt and pitch, put the child in it, and laid it in the reeds by the river's bank. 4 And his sister stood afar off, to know what would be done to him.**

**5 Then the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river. And her maidens walked along the riverside; and when she saw the ark among the reeds, she sent her maid to get it. 6 And when she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the baby wept. So she had compassion on him, and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children." 7 Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and call a nurse for you from the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for you?"**

**8 And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go." So the maiden went and called the child's mother. 9 Then Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child away and nurse him for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed him.**

**10 And the child grew, and she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. So she called his name Moses, saying, "Because I drew him out of the water."**

*Her adoption of him gave him 40 years of protection and the world's best training any child could ever hope to attain. He was surrounded by the knowledge and great wealth of the royal court. Surely, he lacked no good thing as he was Pharaoh's daughter's child!*

*Moses became educated in the wisdom of Egypt and came to know the ways of a great nation to be able to build an even greater nation from God's people. Had it not been for his adopted mother he never would have learned what was necessary about the Egyptians to bring them to their knees in submission to Almighty God*

*His adopted mother was a blessing for him. She saved him from a terrible fate and her faith caused her to stand against her father for his survival. Just as Potiphar's wife affected the life of Joseph in a negative way and still he saved his family, the daughter of Pharaoh had an effect on not only the life of Moses but brought about the survival of a people and the forging of a nation of people the world cannot destroy!*

*This one mother, who was an adopted mother, helped raise a child that changed course of human history!*

*Though Pharaoh's daughter, his adopted mother, had a great influence on Moses, it was the faith of his birth mother that influenced him to turn him to the true God of the universe.*

*The power and influence of these two mothers can never be understated!*

**Heb 11:24 By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, 25 choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, 26 esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward. 27 By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible. 28 By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, lest he who destroyed the firstborn should touch them. 29 By faith they passed through the Red Sea as by dry land, whereas the Egyptians, attempting to do so, were drowned.**

### **THE ANTICIPATING MOTHER**

#### ***Elizabeth & Mary***

IV. **THE ANTICIPATING MOTHER** - Mothers who are pregnant, expecting and anticipating when their child will be born.

A. I will deal with two mothers in this category. Elizabeth, mother of John the Baptist and her cousin, Mary, mother of Jesus.

1. An older woman and a younger woman. Both, women of faith.
2. In fact, we will read portions of the first chapter of Luke because I think God tells the story better than I can.

*(NKJV) Lk 1:1 5 There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the division of Abijah. His wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. 6 And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. 7 But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both well advanced in years. 8 So it was, that while he was serving as priest before God in the order of his division, 9 according to the custom of the priesthood, his lot fell to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord. 10 And the whole multitude of the people was praying outside at the hour of incense. 11 Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing on the right side of the altar of incense. 12 And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him. 13 But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. 14 And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. 15 For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. 16 And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their*

*God. 17 He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, 'to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,' and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."*

*18 And Zacharias said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is well advanced in years." 19 And the angel answered and said to him, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and was sent to speak to you and bring you these glad tidings. 20 But behold, you will be mute and not able to speak until the day these things take place, because you did not believe my words which will be fulfilled in their own time."*

*21 And the people waited for Zacharias, and marveled that he lingered so long in the temple. 22 But when he came out, he could not speak to them; and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple, for he beckoned to them and remained speechless. 23 So it was, as soon as the days of his service were completed, that he departed to his own house.*

*24 Now after those days his wife Elizabeth conceived; and she hid herself five months, saying, 25 "Thus the Lord has dealt with me, in the days when He looked on me, to take away my reproach among people."*

**26 Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, 27 to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary.**

**28 And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!" 29 But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. 30 Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. 32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. 33 And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."**

**34 Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?" 35 And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.**

**36 Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. 37 For with God nothing will be impossible.”**

**38 Then Mary said, “Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.**

**39 Now Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, to a city of Judah, 40 and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth. 41 And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. 42 Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! 43 But why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? 44 For indeed, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. 45 Blessed is she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord.”**

*Lk 1:57 Now Elizabeth’s full time came for her to be delivered, and she brought forth a son. 58 When her neighbors and relatives heard how the Lord had shown great mercy to her, they rejoiced with her. 59 So it was, on the eighth day, that they came to circumcise the child; and they would have called him by the name of his father, Zacharias. 60 His mother answered and said, “No; he shall be called John.” 61 But they said to her, “There is no one among your relatives who is called by this name.”*

*62 So they made signs to his father—what he would have him called. 63 And he asked for a writing tablet, and wrote, saying, “His name is John.” So they all marveled. 64 Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, praising God. 65 Then fear came on all who dwelt around them; and all these sayings were discussed throughout all the hill country of Judea. 66 And all those who heard them kept them in their hearts, saying, “What kind of child will this be?” And the hand of the Lord was with him.*

**Lk 1:80 So the child (*John*) grew and became strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his manifestation to Israel.**

- B. John will grow to become known as John the Baptist. He will be the first one that would reveal Jesus to the world as the Lamb of God to take away the sin of the world.
- C. Both of these women knew that the child within their womb was a special child. They believe that God was going to do wonderful things with their children. And He did!
- D. Likewise, real mothers recognize that a child is a gift from God. If you will carry the mentality and have the faith that God will do great things with your child, goes a long way to the reality of that child being more than the average child.
  - 1. It goes to the reality of the child being a Godly child anticipating the power of God to operate in their life and give them the victory to overcome every obstacle placed in their path.
  - 2. they will recognize God has given them a divine potential and they can achieve it
  - 3. they will recognize God does not create losers. Jesus came that we all might have life and have it more abundantly and that specifically means them.
- E. These women listened to God, and His words were held close in their heart and they shared them with their children so that they would grow up in the knowledge of the Lord's attention to them.
- F. To those anticipating mothers I would say to you, your responsibilities of a mother have already begun.
  - 1. Not only see to it that you are eating properly for your physical health but see to it that you take care for your spiritual health so that your child can hear the words of your prayers to God on their behalf.
  - 2. See to it that your child hears songs of praise to Almighty God even now within your womb.
  - 3. This is not the time to shy away from worship because you are pregnant.
    - a. This is the time to be more faithful so that the child may be at home in the presence of the Spirit of God.
- G. Anticipating mothers! Tend to your child in the womb physically and most importantly spiritually!

### **THE ACTUAL MOTHER**

#### ***Mary, Mother of Jesus***

#### V. **THE ACTUAL MOTHER – Mary, the mother of Jesus**

- A. Now, we shall see a mother that will nourish the gift that God has given her and help to give birth to the gifts that are in her child to the world.
- B. Mothers listen to me carefully. God created you to give life, not only to a child being born from you, but to help give life to the divine potential in the child. For remember the word has said:  
**(NKJV) Ge 3:20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.**
  - 1. Eve means in Hebrew life giver. Women have the power to give life by giving birth to children and then helping to give birth to the gifts given to the children to give to the world



- a. Or they can destroy by preventing life to come about and the gifts God intended to bless the world with through them.
- C. A Godly mother will not in any way abort the life that is inside of her nor cause an abortion of the divine potential of her child or the lives of those around her in her family.
  - 1. No matter the consequences to herself, a Godly mother thinks of the potential of her child and gives her life for the development of that potential.
  - 2. Mary, more than any other person knew the divine potential of the child she gave birth to. She could have been selfish and kept the child to herself or
    - a. she could have submitted to God, putting her trust in him and allow the child to be all God created him to be.
    - (1) She did!
- D. After Jesus was born and the shepherds saw him she was reinforced in her heart regarding his potential  
**(NKJV) Lk 2:17 Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. 18 And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds.**

**19 But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart. 20 Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.**

- E. Mary most certainly shared these things with Jesus time and time again And then again she heard:  
**(NKJV) Lk 2:25 And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. 26 And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. 27 So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, 28 he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said: 29 "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, According to Your word; 30 For my eyes have seen Your salvation 31 Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, 32 A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel." 33 And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken of Him.**

**34 Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against 35 (yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."**

**Lk 2:39 So when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. 40 And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.**

**41 His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. 42 And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast. 43 When they had finished the days, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother did not know it; 44 but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day's journey, and sought Him among their relatives and acquaintances.**

**45 So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. 46 Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. 47 And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers.**

**48 So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously." 49 And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" 50 But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them. 51 Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart. 52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.**

- F. Being a mother is not easy sometimes. When God has a plan, a mother submits to God, and allows God to fulfill his plan for her child. Even though she might not understand.
1. My mother tried many times to keep me from going into ministry. She had seen the pain and agony her father experience from the mistreatment of the people he was leading.
  2. She did not want me to have to go through what she saw him go through.
  3. Nevertheless, she stood to the side and allowed God's will to be done.
- G. Mary did the same  
**(NKJV) Jn 19:25 Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.**

1. Mary let him become what God intended for him to become even to a death on the cross.
2. Aren't we glad she did not try to interfere!

### **THE ALWAYS MOTHER**

***Eunice & Lois***

**VI. THE ALWAYS MOTHER - mothers who have raised their children properly**  
**(NKJV) Dt 7:9 "Therefore know that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments;**

- A. A mother who has raised her child never ceases to pray to God for them. The power of her prayer always affects the life of her child because God honors her faithfulness and her commitment to him.
  1. Remember Miss Radford.
- B. Those of you who are mothers, remember to keep the faith and honor God, not just for your own sakes but for the sake of your children's children.
- C. *Our examples: Eunice – mother; Lois – grandmother of Timothy***
- D. In these two women, we see the power of a mother never wanes. The faith of a mother and her influence extend through several generations. Look at the words Paul told Timothy:  
**(NKJV) 2 Ti 1:2 To Timothy, a beloved son: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**3 I thank God, whom I serve with a pure conscience, as my forefathers did, as without ceasing I remember you in my prayers night and day, 4 greatly desiring to see you, being mindful of your tears, that I may be filled with joy, 5 when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also.**

**6 Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. 7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.**

1. This mother Eunice and grandmother Lois, were powerful in their faith and their faith affected a son and grandson.

- E. I encourage every mother to let your faith be seen by your children for that faith has the ability to be passed down through the generations as you, as a mother give birth from one generation to another generation of life.

**Mothers Are Powerful!**

VII. Mothers are powerful!

- A. Never let anyone diminish your role. You have the power to change the face of the earth and the destiny of thousands of people through the children you give birth to.
- B. Remember,  
**(NKJV) Ps 127:3 Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, The fruit of the womb is a reward.**
- C. They have been given on loan to you as a gift from God. Raise them up by providing a true example of woman of God so that they will not confuse their identity with those of the world and fail to achieve God's purpose for their lives.
  - 1. Remember, God created every child with the divine potential
  - 2. Help them have a vision of the potential God has given them and then exemplify your faith in God in tangible ways so that they may see it not only in your words but by your deeds.
  - 3. Never cease praying for them, never, even when they go off on their own.
    - a. No matter how old
    - b. no matter how right or wrong
    - c. no matter how good or bad
    - d. no matter how smart are not
    - e. remember, you are always a mother!
- D. Help your child give birth to the divine potential God has placed in them. Always trusting in God, who is able to accomplish the purpose he gave to them and honor your faith in him.
  - 1. Have faith in God to save them from their own errors
  - 2. Pray for their forgiveness even when they don't know they need it
- E. As a mother, never give up hope always knowing God will honor your faithfulness to a thousand of your generations

VIII. Now all mothers please stand I will pray for you

- A. **TO THE ASPIRING MOTHERS**
  - 1. Those women who desire to be a mother. Continue to have faith in God. **Remember Hannah**, at the right time, God can bring to pass the desires of your heart
- B. **TO THE ADOPTION MOTHERS**
  - 1. those women who are mothers of children not of their own, **Remember Pharaoh's daughter** continue to show yourself as a virtuous woman. Your children will see your love and your integrity and model your example.

**C. TO THE ANTICIPATING MOTHERS**

1. Those women who are expecting and maturing in the mind to be mothers. **Remember, Mary and Elizabeth.** Have no fear, God will cause you to give birth to the gifts he has placed inside of you

**D. TO THE ACTUAL MOTHERS**

1. Those women who are currently mothers physically and emotionally. **Remember Mary,** He who began a work in you is able to follow it through to the completion of his purposes.
2. The gates of hell cannot prevail against your prayers for your children. Satan has no right to take those who belong to you.
3. Remember the children Jesus delivered from the hands of Satan because of the prayers of their mothers
4. Your child can be one of them

**E. TO THE ALWAYS MOTHERS**

1. those women who have been mothers. **Remember, Eunice and grandmother Lois,** Never forget, you will always be a mother to your child and the children that follow after your child.
2. God's promise for you is to a thousand of your generations.

**F. Finally, to all women remember, you are the givers of life!**

1. The greatest profession in all of creation is that of a mother!  
**(NKJV) Ge 3:20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.**

***GIVE LIFE!!***