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Godly Parents: What A Blessing

Paul commended Timothy, his **“own son in the faith”** (I Timothy 1:2), for the honest and genuine faith which was in him, and which earlier had been in his **“...grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also”** (II Timothy 1:5). What a blessed example of godly parental influence.

There is a glaring contrast found in the book of Chronicles of a wicked mother and a wicked grandmother. One of Judah’s wicked kings was King Ahaziah. The Bible says: **“Wherefore he did evil in the sight of the Lord like the house of Ahab: for they were his counsellors after the death of his father to his destruction”** (2 Chronicles 22:4). Verse seven says that God eventually destroyed him even though he had hid himself in Samaria. People still have not learned that they cannot hide themselves or anything from the Lord.

One of the main reasons for the wickedness of Ahaziah was due to sinful parental influence. His mother was the evil Athaliah. II Chronicles 22:3 says of Athaliah, **“He also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab: for his mother was his counsellor to do wickedly.”** And even worse, he was the grandson of Jezebel (Ahab’s wife).

It is vastly important that we, who are parents and grandparents, consider our own actions which are witnessed by our offspring. They can be wrongfully influenced as they reflect on what they witnessed of their parents/grandparents. We pray the Lord will lead us to be godly influences in their lives. **(Think About IT!)**