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"Mom's Ongoing Mission"

"She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness." (Proverbs 31:27)

2 Good Mothers:

Deborah The Encourager

<u>Judges 5:6-7</u> – (6) "In the days of Shamgar, son of Anath, in the days of Jael, the highways were abandoned, and travelers kept to the byways. (7) The villagers ceased in Israel; they ceased to be until I arose; <u>I, Deborah</u>, arose as a mother in Israel."

"And Deborah said to Barak, '<u>Up</u>! For this is the day in which the LORD has given Sisera into your hand. Does not the LORD go out before you?' So Barak went down from Mount Tabor with 10,000 men following him." (Judges 4:14)

Jael The Exterminator

<u>Judges 5:24-27</u> – (24) "Most blessed of women be <u>Jael</u>, the wife of Heber the Kenite, of tent-dwelling women most blessed. (25) He asked water and she gave him milk; she brought him curds in a noble's bowl. (26) She sent her hand to the tent peg and her right hand to the workmen's mallet; she struck Sisera; she crushed his head; she shattered and pierced his temple. (27) Between her feet he sank, he fell, he lay still; between her feet he sank, he fell; where he sank, there he fell—dead."

"and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret." (Ephesians 5:10-12)

1 Terrible Mother:

<u> Sisera's Mother – The Excuser</u>

<u>Judges 5:28-30</u> – (28) "Out of the window she peered, <u>the mother of Sisera</u> wailed through the lattice: 'Why is his chariot so long in coming? Why tarry the hoofbeats of his chariots?' (29) Her wisest princesses answer, indeed, she answers herself, (30) 'Have they not found and divided the spoil?— A womb (*maiden*) or two for every man; spoil of dyed materials for Sisera, spoil of dyed materials embroidered, two pieces of dyed work embroidered for the neck as spoil?'"

Key Point: Mom's be Mindful of Your Mission

As a Mom, am I aware of my mission to encourage growth and maturity?

As a Mom, am I cleaning my families 'physical house' while our 'moral house' is a mess?

As a Mom, do I make excuses for my children's sin?