

Bad Girls of the Bible
“Athaliah: Godless Ambition”
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I. Be Intentional With Your Influence On Your Children’s Lives

A. Athaliah’s influence _____ the life of her son

II Chron. 22:3-4 “Ahaziah also followed the evil example of King Ahab’s family, for his mother encouraged him in doing wrong. He did what was evil in the LORD’s sight, just as Ahab’s family had done. They even became his advisers after the death of his father, and they led him to ruin.” (NLT)

B. Our influence should _____ our children to succeed

Deut. 11:19 “Teach them to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up.” (NLT)

II. Ambition Unchecked Can _____ Those Around Us

A. Godless ambition is _____ and destructive

II Chron. 22:10 “When Athaliah, the mother of King Ahaziah of Judah, learned that her son was dead, she began to destroy the rest of Judah’s royal family.” (NLT)

B. God prompted ambition is _____ and Kingdom productive

I Cor. 9:23-25 “I do everything to spread the Good News and share in its blessings. Don’t you realize that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize? So run to win! All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize.” (NLT)

III. No Matter How Dark The Situation, _____

A. Sometimes it appears as if the darkness has won

II Chron. 22:11-12 "...the priest and sister of Ahaziah, hid the child so that Athaliah could not murder him. Joash remained hidden in the Temple of God for six years while Athaliah ruled over the land." (NLT)

B. It is impossible for the purposes of God _____

II Chron. 23:11 "Then the priest and his sons brought out Joash, the king's son, placed the crown on his head, and presented him with a copy of God's laws. They anointed him and proclaimed him king, and everyone shouted, "Long live the king!" (NLT)

Is. 8:10 "Devise your strategy, but it will be thwarted; propose your plan, but it will not stand, for God is with us." (NIV)

Is 14:27 "For the LORD Almighty has purposed, and who can thwart him? His hand is stretched out, and who can turn it back?" (NIV)

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