

## His Wife Stirred Him Up

### I. Introduction:

A. A good woman is of great value to a man (**Proverbs 31:10**).

1. Even beyond marriage, good women are awesome (**Mark 15:40-41** and **Romans 16:1-2**).

2. As women age, they continue to be great influences for good (**Titus 2:3-5**).

3. Behind great men there is often the influence of a great woman somewhere in his life (i.e. **II Timothy 1:5**).

B. With the good, there is also the bad. This lesson is going to be about the influence a woman can have on a man for evil (**Proverbs 6:26**).

1. It matters, for man is supposed to take the lead (**I Corinthians 11:3**).

2. Yet, if his authority is just in name and his wife is really the one in authority... BACKWARDS (**I Timothy 2:8-15**)!

### II. Body: **I Kings 21:25**

A. Ahab, on his own, was evil enough (**I Kings 21:20**).

1. His wife made him worse (**I Kings 16:30-33**).

2. She was manipulative (**I Kings 21:5-15**).

B. Jezebel was opposed to prophets of the truth (**I Kings 18:4; 18:13**).

1. She had influence among the false prophets (**I Kings 18:19**).

2. Elijah slew her prophets so she promised to take his life (**I Kings 19:1-2**).

3. In the end of the matter, the Lord said she'd be dog food (**I Kings 21:23**; cf. **II Kings 9:30-37**).

C. Other men in authority erred because of their wives too:

1. Adam (**Genesis 3:6**; cf. **Genesis 2:16-17**).

2. Solomon (**I Kings 11:1-8**).

3. King Herod (**Mark 6:14-28**).

III. Conclusion: A godly man will make concessions for his wife (**I Corinthians 7:33**).

Yet, he must know how to stand (**I Corinthians 16:13**) and execute the office given to him of the Lord with the proper balance (**Colossians 3:18-19**).