

A Mothers Legacy

Introduction: Today we are celebrating the legacy of greatness that our mothers gave to us. More than any year previous, motherhood is being attacked. From the highest offices of the land which have said that a child belongs to the school system, to the celebration of the elimination of children at birth. The world outside our doors has tried with vigor to diminish her role.

One of the great things the Bible offers to us is the recognition of those things God deeply ingrained in each of us. Mothers give their children a nourishment that a father cannot compete with. The father has his role too, but a mom gives her children a diet of love that is desperately needed by her kids.

Today we'll look at an early Church Pastor that learned at the feet of his mother and grandmother. They taught him and introduced him at an early age to his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This young man's impact on the early church was vast, and can be attributed to their careful godly oversight.

Scripture: II Timothy 1:3-5; II Timothy 3:14-15

I. A Brief History of Timothy

1. He had a Jewish mother and grandmother, but a Greek father. (II Timothy 1:5; II Timothy 3:14-15)
2. He is relatively young in this book (I Timothy 4:12)
3. He was prone to stomach or illness issues (I Tim. 5:23)
4. He naturally shrank from difficult spiritual tasks, and had to be encouraged (I Timothy 1:6-7)
5. He became the Senior Pastor in one of the early churches most influential churches in Ephesus.
6. He traveled with the Apostle Paul on his 2nd missionary journey abroad (Acts 16:1-5; 19:22).

II. 3 Legacy Pieces of a Christian Mother on Her Son

1. **A Mothers Legacy – Transparent Tenderness**
-Timothy had a tenderness essential for the life of God to live through (II Timothy 1:4)
-Tenderness through tears – Psalms 56:8 – God sees our tears of tenderness and the y summon the King of Heaven.
2. **A Mothers Legacy – Sincere Faith**
Paul was reminded of Timothy's sincere faith (II Timothy 1:5)
-Sincere faith: Greek definition means unhypocritical, or authentic.
3. **A Mothers Legacy – Firm Convictions**
His mother and grandmother shaped him and molded him through the reading of the scriptures.
4. Three Parts of how this Legacy unfolded in Timothy's life: (II Timothy 3:14-15)
 - a. "But as for you Timothy, continue in what you have learned"
 - b. "Because you know those from whom you learned it"
 - c. And how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures

*This is a someone that was been raised to giving birth for the deep convictions that served young Timothy so well in ministry.