



# “It Begins at Home”

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Philippians 2:20 “For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare.”

Acts 16:2-3a “He was well spoken of by the brothers at Lystra and Iconium. Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him”

## I. A Faith That is \_\_\_\_\_

2 Timothy 1:5 “I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well.”

A. \_\_\_\_\_ Faith

2 Timothy 1:5a “I am reminded of your sincere faith”

B. \_\_\_\_\_ Faith

2 Timothy 1:5b “a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice”

C. \_\_\_\_\_ Faith

2 Timothy 1:5c “and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well.”

## II. A Faith That Overcomes \_\_\_\_\_

Acts 16:1 “Paul came also to Derbe and to Lystra. A disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek.”

### A. A Divided Home

Acts 17:21 “Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.”

Acts 17:18 “Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, ‘What does this babblers wish to say?’ Others said, ‘He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities’—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection.”

1 Corinthians 1:22-23 “For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles”

John 12:20-21 “Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, ‘Sir, we wish to see Jesus.’”

B. A \_\_\_\_\_ Faith

## III. A Faith That is Rooted in \_\_\_\_\_

A. Learned \_\_\_\_\_

2 Timothy 3:14-15a “But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings”

B. Leading to \_\_\_\_\_

2 Timothy 3:15b “which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.”

C. \_\_\_\_\_ By the Word

2 Timothy 3:16-17 “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”

1. God-Breathed \_\_\_\_\_

2 Timothy 3:16a “All Scripture is breathed out by God”

2. God-Given \_\_\_\_\_

2 Timothy 3:16b “and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness”

3. God-Forming Maturity

2 Timothy 3:17 “that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”

## IV. A Faith That is Sustained Through \_\_\_\_\_



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## BACKGROUND:

The psalmist wrote "Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward" (*Psalms 127:3*). Solomon said, "Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching, for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendants for your neck" (*Proverbs 1:8-9*). A mother is to cherish her children and care for them. They are to nurture and protect, be available and involved, train and teach, discipline and model integrity. The child is to revere their mother (*Leviticus 19:3*). The Bible provides examples of worthy mothers including Jesus' mother Mary, Timothy's mother Eunice, Hannah, and the noble mother spoken of in *Proverbs 31:10-31* to name a few.

## DIGGING DEEPER:

**A mother is to nurture her child physically, emotionally, and spiritually. She achieves this by embracing and modeling a sincere faith for her children and grandchildren to witness (2 Timothy 1:5).**

1. Paul declares Timothy's, Eunice's, and Lois' faith as "sincere" (*2 Timothy 1:5*). How would you describe a sincere faith?
2. How does Eunice and Lois' example encourage you in your role of raising a child spiritually? How may this encourage you in your relationship with others you may choose to be a spiritual mentor?
3. Timothy could look to his mother Eunice, his grandmother Lois, and the apostle Paul as people who greatly influence his faith. Who can you look to as someone who has influence on your walk with the Lord?

**Fathers and mothers are to raise godly children who will become the next generation who know and love God. Training and teaching help a child to develop a biblical worldview and spiritual strengths (Psalm 78:5-6; Deuteronomy 6:6-7; Ephesians 6:4; Proverbs 22:6).**

4. How should a mother "train a child up in the way of the Lord" (*Proverbs 22:6*)?
5. Paul challenges Timothy to continue in what he has learned, knowing from whom he learned it (*2 Timothy 2:13*). What is the importance of spiritual mentoring and accountability?

6. A grandmother's role is to teach her grandchildren as well as her daughter. Paul instructs older women "to teach what is good and so train the young women to love their husbands and children" (*Titus 3-4*). Why do you think Paul emphasized training the next generation to love?

**As believers, we are called to abide in Christ. Our salvation places us "in Christ" (Romans 8:1-2; 2 Corinthians 5:17). To abide in Him is to know Him and keep His Word (1 John 2:5-6). The best way a mother can keep God's word is to use it for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, as Eunice and Lois apparently had with Timothy (2 Timothy 3:16).**

7. What do you think Paul means when he states that "All Scripture is breathed out by God" (*2 Timothy 3:16*)? How might this affect the way you perceive and interpret God's Word as you lead others spiritually?
8. What are some practical ways a mother can use Scripture to teach, reproof, correct, and train? In doing so, why is it important not to use Scripture as a "club"?
9. How can the Bible make one "wise for salvation" through faith in Christ (*2 Timothy 3:15*)?

## TAKING IT HOME:

**Everyone is influenced by those who raised them. Most of our behavior is learned. One of the greatest influences on one's life is that of a mother's love. Her contribution can be both life-giving as well as life changing. Lois and Eunice's lives show us that influence spans generations.**

10. What is a favorite life lesson or memory you have of your mother? What is it you hope your children remember you for?
11. As children grow and mature, and some become parents themselves, how does the role of "mother" change? In what ways is it ongoing and never ceasing?
12. Not everyone has a loving, healthy, nurturing relationship with their mother. Many relationships are strained or broken. What are some practical steps a believer can take to begin repairing, restoring, and reconciling a strained relationship? (Assuming it is safe and healthy to do so.)
13. How does maintaining a healthy relationship with the previous generation in your life help disciple the next generation who is observing and learning from you?