

The Testimony of a Godly Mother

2 Timothy 1:1-6

Introduction:

“The family unit is God’s first and foundational institution for the transfer of the faith. When the family fails, the culture is in trouble. This passage also shows the powerful influence women can have on the life of a young man should his father be either absent or spiritually inactive.” - Tony Evans

I. It was a testimony that had been proven. (V.5)

A. A proven testimony is an affirming testimony.

2 Timothy 1:5 *When I call to remembrance . . .*

2 Timothy 1:4 *Greatly desiring to see thee, . . . that I may be filled with joy;*

B. A proven testimony is an authentic testimony.

2 Timothy 1:5 *When I call to remembrance the . . . faith that is in thee,*

“Eunice implies “conquering well,” and was a name expressive of a good or happy victory. Eunice lived up to her name for she conquered in the effort to bring up her son in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.” - Herbert Lockyer

2 Timothy 1:4 . . . being mindful of thy tears,

II. It was a testimony that had a good performance. (V.5)

A. It was a testimony that had endured hardship.

2 Timothy 1:5 *When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith . . .*

*“Lois was a devout Jewess who had instructed her beloved daughter and grandson in Old Testament Scriptures. The family lived at Lystra, and it is possible that Paul, during his visit there, had the joy of leading Lois, Eunice, and Timothy to Christ.”
- Hebert Lockyer*

B. It was a testimony that had encouraged harmony.

2 Timothy 1:5 *When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.*

2 Timothy 1:2 *To Timothy, my dearly beloved son:*

III. It was a testimony that had been passed on. (V.5-7)

A. They had passed on the passion of a Christian testimony.

2 Timothy 1:5 . . . and I am persuaded . . .

2 Timothy 1:3 . . .that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day;

“If you were standing on the threshold of eternity and looking back over your life, would you be able to see that your faith lives on in others, especially in your family?” - David Jeremiah

- B. They had passed on the persuasion of a Christian testimony.

2 Timothy 1:5 . . . that in thee also.

2 Timothy 1:6 Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands. (V.7) For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

“The antidote to fear. Paul encouraged Timothy to not give in to fear but to depend upon Christ who supplied power, love, and a sound mind.” - Jerry Vines



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