

"Mothers Faith"
2 Timothy 3:15
Mother's Day May 8, 2022

The 5th Commandment: Exodus 20:12 "Honor your father and your mother,

The Context of This Passage: The Apostle Paul is in prison (Rome), awaiting his execution, he writes this second, final letter to young Timothy. Paul tells Timothy how to behave as a church leader. Paul reflects on the mothers who made an impact in Timothy's life.

2 Timothy 3:12-13

The American Family is under Siege today

2 Timothy 3:14

You, however, continue in the things you have learned Timothy has already been practicing what he had been taught.

and become convinced of, the word **convinced** - *"inward certainty, to be assured, have confidence, obey, trust, yield"*

knowing from whom you have learned them; 2 Timothy 1:5

Thought Of Our Passage: "A Mothers Faith Is Birthed In Scripture Producing A Living Faith And Service Passed On To The Child"

- 1. 2 Timothy 3:15 Mother's Bible:**
- 2. 2 Timothy 1:5 Mother's Faith:**
- 3. Acts 16:1-3 Mother's Service:**

1. 2 Timothy 3:15 Mother's Bible:

2 Timothy 3:15 and that from childhood the word **childhood** – *"infancy, a new-born child, a babe"* what this means is that Timothy was taught the Word of God from infancy.

you have known the sacred writings – *"inspired by God, to be devoutly revered writings, documents"*

Society says, Truth is Unknowable: Existentialism – (Truth is Relative)

Deuteronomy 6:4-6

Starts with the parents! We have to revere the Word, **we need to have a personal relationship with God ourselves.**

Deuteronomy 6:7

What should a Mother teach her children? Loving God!

Deuteronomy 6:8 Our Actions and our Thinking.

Deuteronomy 6:9 The message of the Word of God is **for the home and outside of the home.**

which are able to give you the wisdom – *"to give understanding, the application of the truth" Street smarts, common sense that is not common.*

Proverbs 3:21-26

that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. The Bible is God's wisdom that leads to salvation by Faith in Jesus.

The Bible and Jesus Go Together: That we love the Word it leads to Jesus, love Jesus it leads to the Word.

2. 2 Timothy 1:5 Mother's Faith:

2 Timothy 1:5 For I am mindful of the sincere faith within you, the term **sincere** – *"unhypocritical, unmixed, without wax"* Timothy It was real, without any pretense or façade.

which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois, and your mother Eunice,

Notice the spiritual chain here: Lois to Eunice to Timothy. Again, we don't read of a grandfather or a father anywhere in this equation.

and I am sure that it is in you as well. Even though **Lois and Eunice were believers, Timothy needed to come to a point in which he placed his own faith in Christ.**

Faith is not hereditary; it is a personal choice.

I'm convinced that a Mother like this has to be more interested in the spiritual than anything else.

While it isn't in the text, a mother who passes along a faith that is authentic is without a doubt a praying woman.

Psalm 127:1-5

Mothers, are you passing along a legacy of an Authentic Faith to your Children?

3. Acts 16:1-3 Mother's Service:

Acts 16:1 Paul came also to Derbe and to Lystra. Paul had visited a few years earlier on his 1st Missionary Journey, he now returns to the hometown of Timothy and there are **three things about Timothy that Paul notes:**

- 1. Timothy Was a Disciple of Jesus: And a disciple was there, named Timothy,**

disciple – *"follower of the teacher and his teaching"*

the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek, This is what we would call an unequally yoked marriage.

Acts 16:2

- 2. Timothy Had A Good Reputation: he was well spoken of by the brethren** He had a good reputation in the local communities as a man of integrity, a man of the Word.

Acts 16:3

- 3. Timothy Was Willing and Available: Paul wanted this man to go with him; and he took him**

We have this thinking of **parishioners as consumers. (Creditors Versus Debtors)**

Paul loved Timothy: He had only good things to say about him.

1 Corinthians 4:17; Philipians 2:20; 1 Timothy 1:2 To Timothy, my true child in *the* faith:

We Need Disciples of Jesus Christ Not Merely Good Citizens: So, they can share their faith with others. Serve as missionaries

Mother's, Don't Get Short Sighted And Miss The Big Picture As To What Is Being Accomplished On A Daily Basis.

Application:

Six Parenting Guidelines That Helped Susannah Wesley As A Mother:

1. Subdue Self-will In A Child And Thus Work Together With God To Save His Soul.
2. Teach The Child To Pray As Soon As He Can Speak.
3. Give The Child Nothing He Cries For And Only What Is Good For Him If He Asks For It Politely.
4. To Prevent Lying, Punish No Fault Which Is Freely Confessed, But Never Allow A Rebellious, Sinful Act To Go Unnoticed.
5. Commend And Reward Good Behavior.
6. Strictly Observe All Promises You Have Made To Your Child.