

“Faith of Our Mother’s”
2 Tim. 3:12-15
Mothers Day May 9, 2010

The 5th Commandment Ex 20:12

Context of this Passage: The Apostle Paul is in prison (Rome), awaiting his execution, he writes this second 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 Tim 3:12-14

convinced – “inward certainty, to be assured, have confidence, obey, trust, yield”

2 Tim 1:5 grandmother Lois, mother Eunice.

1. 2 Tim 3:15 – A Mother’s Bible

2. 2 Tim 1:5 – A Mother’s Faith

3. Acts 16:1-3 – A Mother’s Service

1. 2 Tim 3:15 – A Mother’s Bible:

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childhood – “Infancy, a new-born child, a babe”

sacred writings – “inspired by God, to be devoutly revered writings, documents.”

The Bible is different from every other book – even books about the Bible

Deut 6:4-6

Mother, do you make the time to be alone with the Lord?

Deut 6:7

What should a Mother teach her children? Loving God!

Deut 6:8 Our Actions and our Thinking.

Deut 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.

Prov 3:21-26

The Bible and Jesus go together:

Mothers, what kind of Bible is your child reading when he or she observes your life?

2. 2 Tim 1:5 – A Mother’s Faith:

2 Tim 1:5

sincere – “unhypocritical, unmixed, without wax.” Timothy it was real, without any pretense or facade.

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

A Mother can make a significant spiritual impact on her children with or without the help of a father.

Timothy needed to come to a point in which he placed his own faith in Christ.

Psalm 127:1-5

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

3. Acts 16:1-3 – A Mother’s Service:

Acts 16:1

3 things about Timothy that Paul notes:

1. Timothy Was a Disciple of Jesus: And behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timothy,

disciple – “Follower of the teacher and His teaching”

Acts 16:2

2. Timothy Had A Good Reputation: he was well spoken of by the brethren

Acts 16:3

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

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

1 Corinthians 4:17 Timothy, who is my beloved and faithful child in the Lord,

1 Timothy 1:2 "own son in the faith."

Philippians 2:20 "I have no one else like him, who takes a genuine interest in your welfare."

We Need Disciples of Jesus Christ Not Merely Good Citizens:

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.

Application:

1. Be Convinced of your Salvation – Mothers need God first. Surrender your will to Him.
2. Be Committed to being a Godly Wife – (If married) – Being a godly mother involves being a godly wife.
3. Mother Be Committed to the Bible – Priority
4. Mother Be Committed to the Faith – Living daily your trust in God.
5. Mother Be Committed through Practical Service – a Christian is a Servant, we are saved to serve others.