

May 8, 2016 – Mother’s Day
The Bridge Bible Fellowship
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2 Timothy

“Two Great Gifts From Mom & Grandma To Their Children”

Intro:

I. S_____ F_____ (2 Tim. 1:5)

II. S_____ F_____ (2 Tim. 3:14-15)

Discussion & Application:

1. How important is it for a mother (and grandmother) to teach her children? Read Proverbs 1:8-9 and 6:20-23. Why should children listen carefully to the things their mother teaches them?
2. What are some of the greatest lessons your mother (and grandmother) taught you?
3. What does the word “sincere” mean? What does it mean to have a sincere faith (2 Tim. 1:5)? How was this sincere faith seen in Paul’s life in 2 Tim. 1:3? What impact does that kind of faith have on a child as they are growing up?
4. What is the opposite of a sincere faith? How would that manifest itself at home, in the workplace, and at church? What kind of impact does that “faith” have on a child as they are growing up? Are you modeling a sincere faith for your children, grandchildren, neighborhood children, and children at church?
5. What does the Bible say about a believer marrying an unbeliever? What are some of the reasons a believer might give for marrying an unbeliever? What are the potential problems in:
 - Their marriage
 - Raising children
 - Involvement in the local church
6. Timothy’s grandmother Lois was Jewish and so was his mother Eunice (see Acts 16:1). Why do you think his mother had a Greek name if his grandmother was Jewish? Eunice was married to a Greek man (unsaved Gentile). What specific problem did Eunice have raising Timothy to live in obedience to the Scriptures because she was married to an unsaved man? (See Acts 16:3)
7. Lois and Eunice had a profound impact on Timothy even though his father was not a believer. It is clearly best for both parents to be believers, but God’s grace flows into a family through even one believing spouse (1 Cor. 7:14). Take a moment and pray for single parents and unequally yoked parents that you know. Ask God how you can be a source of encouragement to them as they raise their children to know, love, and serve the Lord.
8. Read 2 Tim. 3:1-13. Does it sound like we are in the last days? Does Paul say to Timothy, “I’m sorry you have to grow up in a world like this?” or “I feel bad that you have to raise kids in evil days like this?” What does Paul say in verse 14? What are believers supposed to do while the world gets more sinful?
9. Timothy clearly learned a lot from Paul (see 2 Tim. 1:13), but his mother and grandmother laid the foundation of the “sacred writings” (Old Testament Scriptures). At what age did they start teaching him? Why is it important to teach the Scriptures to children at a very young age? How did Timothy’s knowledge of Scripture prepare him for the gospel message he heard later in life?
10. What are some ways that you can help your children (grandchildren) know the Scriptures? Be specific and creative.
11. How important is it to have other godly people reinforce and add to what you have taught your children from the Scriptures? Do you pray for God to bring other godly mentors into your children’s lives (like Paul became for Timothy)? Do you pray for the Sunday School teachers at church? Do you encourage them in what they do? Have you ever considered getting involved teaching children at church and being a blessing to other parents who want to raise godly men and women?