

2 Timothy 1:1-8

The Importance of Mothers

# Great Mothers in the Bible:

- Eve carried pain
- Yacobed, Moses' mother
- Bathsheeba, Solomon's mother
- Salome, mother of James/John
- Mary, the mother of Jesus

V1- Paul was an apostle first

V2- then, a spiritual father

-By the Will of God

Paul puts his authority in divine appointment

-Promise of Life in Christ

The phrase “promise of life” connects Paul’s apostleship to its purpose: proclaiming the abundant life secured in union with Christ

Paul praises Timothy

V2- a beloved son

V3- constant prayer for Timothy

V4- longs to see him

V5- reminded of your true faith

V6- stirred up his spiritual gift

Paul states

“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.”

How was Timothy's sincere faith developed?

Lois was a Jewish believer who embraced the Messiah, the first link in a chain of transmitted faith.

Eunice, a Jewish woman married to a Greek (Acts 16:1), raised Timothy in the Scriptures despite a mixed home.

Timothy, not an inherited faith ritual, but a genuine personal conviction.

How did Timothy become so strong in his faith?

His mom and grandmother made God a priority in their lives.

Abraham Lincoln lost his mother at 9  
"All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my mother."

How serious is it to train children in today's world? When should we start?

2 Tim 3:14-15 But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Lois and Eunice gave Timothy the Holy Scriptures from childhood.

V7- God gave Timothy

1. Power, not human strength but divine power
2. Love, self-giving love that enables courageous ministry, and love for God, for the gospel, and for others in his care
3. Self-discipline of sound judgment and a disciplined mind

# Acts 16:1-5: a desire to serve others

V1- strong believer. Referred to as a disciple. (not just a Christian or a believer, but a “disciplined one”.)

V2- Timothy had a good reputation. Well-spoken of by others. (Mother’s influence)

V3- When called for service, Timothy went.

# Acts 16

V4- Timothy's mother taught him biblical doctrine, and the result was???

V5- the church was strengthened in faith and people were saved daily.