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## Moms, Do They Matter?

Mother's Day • Acts 16:1-3; 2Timothy 1:5; 3:14-17

Politically Incorrect?

□ Possibly Irrelevant? □ Personally Inadequate? □ Personally Inadequate?

#### Moms Matter Because They Are on a MISSION for God!

Philippians 2:19-22

☐ Powerfully Influential?

The Mission: Raise Your Children to Be DISCIPLES with Gospel Integrity and Influence Like Timothy!

Proven Character + Christlike Purpose

#### How Did Timothy Reach This Level of Gospel Integrity and Influence for the Lord?

Acts 16:1-3

Godly influence of a <u>SPIRITUAL</u> father in the faith like Paul.

"For this reason I have sent to you Timothy, who is my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, and he will remind you of my ways which are in Christ, just as I teach everywhere in every church." 1 Corinthians 4:17

Godly influence of a **PHYSICAL** mother in the faith like Eunice.

"For I am mindful of the **sincere faith** within you, which first dwelt in **your grandmother Lois**And **your mother Eunice**, and I am sure that it is in you as well." 2 Timothy 1:5

"You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, **knowing from whom you have learned them,** and **that from childhood you have known the sacred writings** which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation
through faith which is in Christ Jesus." 2 Timothy 3:14-15

"...who is sufficient for these things?"

#### Moms On Mission for God ...

# 1. Intentionally Pass on a RESPECT for the Scriptures!

It needs to be <u>TAUGHT</u> in the home! 2 Timothy 3:14-17

Respect for the Scriptures Is the Result of Being Taught...

- 1. The **POWER** of the Scriptures to save us! (v. 15)
- 2. The **PROFIT** of the Scriptures to sanctify us! (v. 16)
- 3. The **PURPOSE** of the Scriptures to prepare us to serve God and others! (v. 17)
- 4. The **PERSON** of the Scriptures who is the Sovereign Savior: Father, Son, Spirit! (vv. 15-16)

#### Reminders and Regrets

- 1. It's never **TOO EARLY** to start! 2Timothy 3:15; Luke 2:12; 1:41, 44; 1Peter 2:2
- 2. It's never **TOO LATE** to start!
  - $\square$  **READ** it to them so they can hear it.
  - $\square$  **BUY** it for them so they can read it.
  - ☐ **CHEW** it *for* them so they can *study* it.
  - $\square$  **REVIEW** it *with* them so they can *memorize* it.
  - □ **DISCUSS** it *with* them so they can *meditate* on it.
  - ☐ **APPLY** it before them so they can apply it.

## 2. Intentionally Pass on an AUTHENTIC Faith!

- It needs to be **CAUGHT** in the home.
  - 1. Eunice was not just a mother; she was a MODEL. 2 Timothy 1:5
  - 2. No one knows better than a CHILD whether a parent's faith is genuine! 2 Timothy 3:14

Do your children have the awesome privilege of seeing you do your daily devotions on a consistent basis?

Do they get to hear you pray for them and for others on a regular basis?

Do they see you making the Lord and His mission the #1 priority of your personal life and family life?

"BUT I DON'T HAVE TIME!"

### 3. Intentionally Pass on a PASSION for Sacrificial Service!

- It needs to be **SENT** into the world.
  - 1. Timothy **EAGERLY ACCEPTED** Paul's invitation. Acts 16:3

He Already Knew What It Meant to Be a Fully Devoted Disciple.

- **DENY SELF** for the commission. *Acts 16:3*
- TAKE UP your cross. Acts 14:5-6, 19, 22
- **FOLLOW** Christ wherever He led.
- 2. Timothy had been EQUIPPED IN ADVANCE for ministry long before Paul's invitation!



#### **Eunice Was a Mom on Mission for God!**

"And **behold**, a certain disciple was there, named Timothy..." NAS77

She Passed on What She FIRST POSSESSED in Her Own Life.

"the son of a certain Jewish woman who believed..."

She Did It with NO ENCOURAGEMENT from Her Husband.

"...but his father was Greek."

# Never Underestimate the Powerful Influence of a Mom on Mission for God!

"But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto his children's children."

A Proverb

"As the twig is bent, so grows the tree."