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GRANDMOTHERS



How blessed we are to have Grandmothers. As we celebrate Mother's Day this weekend let's do all we can to honor our moms, but let's hear it for grandmothers too! Whether we enjoy her memory or honor her presence; our tribute to mothers should include Grandma.

The reality is that many who have been blessed with godly mothers can often see behind them the glorious influence of a God-honoring grandmother. Consider, for instance, Timothy, Paul's dearest protégé. God's Word provides some interesting insights about this man's mom and grandma.

When greeting Timothy in II Timothy 1:5 Paul writes, "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." Timothy's grandmother was a Christian and she no doubt influenced her daughter, Eunice, to become a believer as well; and now Timothy too is also a child of God. It's amazing how the faith of a grandmother can have a profound affect on their families, even down to the second and third generations.

Then too, note what Paul records a little later in his second book to Timothy about Timothy's conduct in light of his influential home life. Paul charges him to "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." (II Timothy 3:14-15). As a child Timothy learned and became convinced of the truths of God's Word. Such a situation was the direct result of a godly mother and grandmother's teaching. The fact that they were doing this is especially significant when we learn from Acts 16:1 that Timothy's father was not a believer. Timothy did not have the privilege of two believing parents, and yet because of the witness of his mother and grandmother he followed their godly ways rather than in the ways of his unsaved father.

This weekend let's thank God for those we call "mother." Whether it's mom or grandma or both, might we truly honor them on Mother's Day.

Looking Up,
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