

The Heritage of a Godly Mother

2 Timothy 1:3-7 (NIV)

I thank God, whom I serve, as my forefathers did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also. ⁶For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. ⁷For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.

1. A GODLY MOTHER WILL INFLUENCE HER CHILDREN, EVEN IF IT'S BY HERSELF.

Acts 16:1 (NIV)

He came to Derbe and then to Lystra, where a disciple named Timothy lived, whose mother was a Jewess and a believer, but whose father was a Greek.

- Parenting was always intended for two, but living in a fallen world we do what we can, where we are.
- If I don't influence my children, someone else will.
- The question all parents face is who will win the influence wars with our children.

2. A GODLY MOTHER WILL PASS DOWN HER FAITH TO HER CHILDREN.

2 Timothy 3:15 (NIV)

... and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

- Giving my faith to my children begins at infancy.

- Mother's have more opportunity because they excel in the nurture department.

Proverbs 31:15 (Msg)

She's up before dawn, preparing breakfast for her family and organizing her day.

- A mother's legacy is seen in her children.

Proverbs 22:6 (NLT)

Teach your children to choose the right path, and when they are older, they will remain upon it.

3. A GODLY MOTHER WILL HAVE AN AFFECT ON FUTURE GENERATIONS.

1 Timothy 5:4 (CEV)

But if a widow has children or grandchildren, they should learn to serve God by taking care of her, as she once took care of them. This is what God wants them to do.

- A mother's influence goes well beyond her years.

Proverbs 31:28 (NIV)

Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her.

- A mother's influence is seen even in generations beyond.

v. 7. *"For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline."*

- A mother's influence deserves public recognition.

Proverbs 31:31 (NIV)

Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.