

What a Mothers Sincere Faith Can Do!

Act 16:1 And he (Paul) came also to Derbe and to Lystra. And behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek,
2 He was well spoken of by the brothers at Lystra and Iconium.

Timothy was a spiritual son of the apostle Paul who was very faithful and committed to Christ.

KJV 1 Corinthians 4:17 For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach every where in every church.

1Th 3:2 and we sent Timothy, our brother and God's fellow worker in the gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you as to your faith,

Paul would send Timothy to the places he could not go because Timothy would strengthen, encourage and remind the saints how to live godly in this world.

Timothy was such a great help to Paul and a great blessing to the church because he was given a strong foundation of faith by his mother Eunice who received it from her mother Lois. (2 Tim 1:5)

Acts 16:1 tells us Timothy's mother was a believing Jew, while his father was a heathen Greek.

I want to talk to some mothers who didn't and don't have believing husbands.

- You can still raise your children to fear The Lord!
- Your children can turn out to be a blessing!
- Your faith can make the difference in your family's future.

KJV 2 Timothy 1:5 When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.

6 Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.

7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

Paul says Timothy had **unfeigned faith** that he received from his mother who got it from her mother.

Unfeigned faith is “*undisguised faith*” a faith everyone knows you have because you live it out loud and is seen in everything you do!

Unfeigned faith is “*sincere faith*” a faith that is free from pretense and falsehood—people can tell you aren’t playing with the things of God!

Unfeigned faith is “*real faith*” when people meet you, they know you are a real follower of Christ! Not a weekend warrior, but someone who serves God daily!

Because Timothy saw his mother and grandmother live as undisguised, sincere and real believers it was easy for him to imitate their lifestyle.

Timothy knew it was possible to live saved because he had **two generations** who did it in front of him!

And because of what Timothy **grew up seeing (in his mother)** it was easy for him to recognize **sincere faith** in the man of God Paul!

I think it safe to say, if Timothy hadn’t seen **true faith** in his mother her couldn’t have recognized it in Paul, he wouldn’t have become a disciple of Paul and his destiny would have been completely different!

Saved, Born-again, Believing Mothers who demonstrate **sincere faith** to their children are helping them identify their destiny.

Helping them stay away from predators like **false prophets, cults, witches and warlocks** because they grow up knowing what **undisguised, sincere, real faith is!**

It was only after Timothy covenanted with Paul that Paul laid hands on Tim and imparted a **spiritual gift** in Tim. (2 Tim 1:6)

It was the **true faith** that his mother **Lois** put in him that set Timothy up to **receive the charisma** (touch of God) gift from a man of God!

The faith of his mother caused a chain reaction of destiny and power in Timothy’s life, because now.

Timothy knows “*The Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline*”.