



"And this is the commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also." 1 John 4: 21

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Heart to Heart...

"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." (II Timothy 1:5) The faith of a mother and grandmother can reach into the depths of the hearts of their children and grandchildren. Since becoming a grandfather, my perspective of parenthood has changed drastically. What I thought I understood in Scriptures has matured to a greater insight and focus. ***"And that from childhood you have known the sacred writings..."*** (II Timothy 3:15) Once again, the faith of Timothy was built upon the Scriptures from his childhood. Is that something missing among our young today?

Here is a mother and grandmother. Look at the impact the grandmother had on her daughter Eunice! Look at the impact both the grandmother and mother had on Timothy, molding him to possessing a sincere faith that was deeply trusting in the Lord. Paul was well aware of the influence in Timothy's life from his mother and grandmother. It was apparent. I would only wish that more grandmothers and mothers had the same for their children and grandchildren. To have someone speak of a mother or grandmother and their sincere faith, recording it for all eternity is such a noble and admirable statement. But greater yet, the impact of their faith on their grandson and son will affect generations to come.

Do you realize how many souls that you as a mother and grandmother (and applies to grandfathers and fathers) are affecting? How many generations you will affect by having a sincere faith and love of the Lord? I read a story of a lady that overheard a woman showing a view of beautiful fall colors to her elderly mother. The daughter said, *"Isn't it wonderful of God to take something before it dies and make it so beautiful?"* As the daughter and elderly mother looked at the beauty of the leaves, the mother stated, *"Wouldn't it be nice if God did that with people?"* The daughter looked at her stooped, white haired mother and said softly, *"Sometimes He does!"* The impact of a mother on the life of her daughter. The impact of a sincere faith a mother and grandmother has in the life of her children and grandchildren.

If your mother placed within you a deep abiding faith in God, a trust in His word and humble obedient love, give the Lord thanks. If your grandmother led you in the ways of righteousness and faith in the Lord Jesus, whisper words of thanks to God. Molding, shaping and directing children and grandchildren in the way of the Lord is for eternity. Godly mothers and grandmothers are a treasure. The daughter was right: sometimes God takes something before it dies and makes it so beautiful – a white-haired, stooped little mother or grandmother who deeply loves the Lord and expresses that love by instilling it in her children/grandchildren for example! Think about it!!!

(Taken from Brent's blog)

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