

2 Timothy 1:5 & 3:14-15

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Parents living life for the glory of God are influential in the lives of children (1 Timothy 1:3-5)

“³ I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well.”

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“¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed,”

- ◉ Timothy is encouraged to continue to understand and apply the Scriptures and their fullness in Jesus Christ.
 - ◉ Understanding and applying the truths of Scripture is a life-long process.
- “knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.”*
- ◉ Timothy learned about God from his mother and his grandmother.
 - 2 Timothy 1:5

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- ◉ Every Christian home is a worship center.
- ◉ Every child is a worshiper – either of God or idols.
 - Colossians 3:5
 - Matthew 4:10

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- ◉ Christian parents are to show their children what true worship looks like and prayerfully guide the Godward orientation given to every child's heart.
 - Romans 2:14–15
 - Romans 1:18–19
- ◉ The problem of obedience is sin and selfishness within the child's heart.
 - You can change a child's behavior without changing the heart.
 - But if God changes the child's heart the child's behavior will be changed.
 - Proverbs 22:15

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- ◉ Total depravity is a heart problem for children.
 - This does not mean every child is a sinful as they can be.
 - It means no child or person can take a credible step toward God without divine intervention.
- ◉ Psalm 51:5
 - Children are not sinners because they sin; they sin because they are sinners.

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- ◉ Total depravity is the result of Adam's original sin in the Garden of Eden.
 - Romans 5:12
- ◉ A sinful heart will reveal itself.
 - Luke 6:45
 - The most important matter is not the child's relationship to you as their parent.
 - The most critical issue is the condition of your child's heart before God.

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- ◉ Worship of the one true God comes from people and parents being engaged with God and His truth in all of life.
 - Deuteronomy 6:4–9
 - Psalm 119:130
- ◉ It is a parent's privilege to unfold God's word to their children.

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- ◉ Faith to trust the truths of the gospel is the fruit of consistent biblical instruction.
 - Romans 10:17
 - 1 Peter 1:23
- ◉ Parents should make it their priority to live in the light of truth.
 - Ephesians 6:1–4
 - Colossians 3:20–21
- ◉ Parents must be intentional about nurturing God-centeredness in all things.

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¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

- ◉ Your life and your children's lives are filled with opportunities for providing and biblical backdrop for growth.
- ◉ Parents, God commands you to bring up your children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.
- ◉ You do not deal with your child getting in the flesh by getting in the flesh!

Questions to Consider

- ◉ Your home is a worship center. The question is, who is being worshipped?
- ◉ Do your children see you as a humble and dependent follower of Jesus?
- ◉ Is your home a place where gospel truth is being learned and applied to your life and the lives of your children?

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