

# Eunice & Lois

## Introduction:

We are introduced to Eunice & Lois in 2 Timothy 1:5 as Paul was writing to Timothy – seeking to stir him up in the faith. Timothy had a good background – where the influence of his mother & grandmother helped him become the great preacher, helper of Paul, and man of God he was. We know very little from his mother and grandmother. But the result of their influence and teaching is easy to see as we go throughout the NT.

## I. Timothy's background.

- A. Acts 16:1-2. Timothy raised by God fearing, God believing woman.
  - 1. Text says father was a Greek (a non believer).
  - 2. She patiently taught her son, lived her faith.
- B. 2 Tim. 1:5 – Timothy was from a family of believers.
- C. 2 Tim. 3:14-15 – Timothy was taught the Scriptures from an early age.
- D. Children need to be taught about God at an early age instead of waiting until they're "grown up." (Deut. 6:6-9)
  - 1. How much time are you willing to spend for your children?
  - 2. The most important thing is our children's spiritual growth.
- E. Mothers have much to offer in light of spiritual teaching. Pro. 6:20; 31:10-31

## II. Who Timothy Became.

- A. Due to his religious upbringing, Timothy was prepared to become an important worker for the Lord.
  - 1. Acts 16:2 – possessed a good reputation amongst the brethren.
  - 2. His work...
    - a) 2 Tim. 4:1-2; Acts 16:1 – he was an evangelist.
    - b) Acts 16:3 – he traveled with Paul.
  - 3. He was the recipient of 2 pastoral letters.
- B. Pro. 22:6. if child is instilled with God's truth at an early age, it is probable that he will grow into a productive person/Christian.

## III. How did Timothy Get to this Point?

- A. Timothy became the person of God he was because his mother taught him God's truths.
  - 1. She took an interest in his future spiritual condition.
  - 2. Parents, what are we doing today?
- B. Parents today must recognize what is at stake.
- C. Parents: You are teaching your children something!
  - 1. Mt. 14:3-8 – ways of the world. OR
  - 2. 2 Tim. 1:5; 3:14-15 – ways of God.

## Conclusion:

- A. Mothers deserve the honor/respect due them.
- B. Let us thank God for our godly mothers.