

A MODEL MOTHER

2 Timothy 1:5, 3:14-16

Int: In several respects Eunice was a model mother because she was a good example for all mothers to follow. From her we learn a good mother

POINTS HER CHILD TOWARD CHRIST

Paul said the “genuine faith” he saw in Timothy lived first “in his grandmother Lois and then in his mother Eunice” (2 Tim 1:5). It was probably their influence that led Timothy to take Jesus as his own personal Savior.

The strongest influence in any man’s life is his home. A good biography never begins with the person who is its subject but with his parents and grandparents. The family makes the man. His mother is a child’s chief example. She determines his points of view. Children mirror their mother’s outlook on life and copy her habits. Every mother owes it to her children to point them to Jesus!

Mother, are you pointing your children toward Christ?

LIVES FOR JESUS EVEN IF HER HUSBAND NEVER DOES

Timothy’s father was a Greek (Acts 16:1), a pagan who may have made things hard in the home for Eunice. Apparently she married him before she became a believer. But once converted, she obeyed God’s command through Paul to stay with him if he was pleased to stay in the marriage. A believing wife “sanctifies” her children (1 Cor 7:12, 14). It seems God takes special care of children raised in a divided home if the mother obeys his will and purpose. Timothy is living proof that God keeps his word.

Mother, are you remaining faithful even if your husband is a rank pagan or just no help?

INSTRUCTS HER CHILD FROM HIS EARLIEST YEARS

Paul said Eunice instructed Timothy since he was a child (2 Tim 3:15). It is not farfetched to say when he was a baby she sang to him of Jesus and told him of God’s love. When he was a toddler she taught him to love God, to honor and obey his parents and to behave well. The point is, a child is never too little to learn.

So-called experts argue no child should be taught religion but be left alone to make his own decisions when he “comes of age.” Strange that they do not champion this view in any other area of life. They insist that the child bathe and brush his teeth. And that he do his homework and go to school. Mother, are you teaching your child God’s ways from his earliest years?

TEACHES HER CHILD THE BIBLE

Paul said to Timothy, “From childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings” (2 Tim 3:15). Eunice taught him the facts of scripture and the meaning of those facts.

Teaching a child the scriptures will not save him but God can use knowledge of the Bible to guide that child to the Savior. Scripture will “Make him wise unto salvation through faith in Christ Jesus” (2 Tim 3:15).