

## **Granting a Christian Heritage to our Children**

**2 Timothy 1:3-5; 3:14-17**

### **Introduction**

It is a great privilege for us to bring up a godly generation.

- God has always been committed to a generation for Himself.
- When children are born to us, one of our first concerns should be their salvation and their godly upbringing.

This we see in Timothy as Paul observed his upbringing:

### **1. Pure Christian Heritage (2 Timothy 1:5)**

When Paul spoke of Timothy's faith, he mentioned Timothy's mother and grandmother and the impact they had on his life.

- In 2 Timothy 3:15 Paul writes of Timothy knowing the Scriptures from childhood – that his mother and grandmother are the ones who first taught Timothy the timeless principles of the Bible.
- First and foremost, we as parents must be followers of the truth.

Dr G. Campbell Morgan had four sons - all of whom followed his example by becoming ministers. It's reported that at a family reunion a friend asked one of the sons, "Which Morgan is the greatest preacher?" That's easy, "the son replied." Mother! " This son recognized the important role that his mother had in the family!

What is the genuine faith?

- The word "unfeigned" literally is "anhypokritos", means unhypocritical faith.
- Timothy was no fake.
- Deuteronomy 6:4-5, "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might."
- It is not a nominal faith.
- It is not a fashionable faith.
- It is truly believing and trusting in the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

### **2. Its Value for Our Children (2 Timothy 3:14-17)**

In 2 Tim 3:14, Timothy has to "continue" in the things he has learned.

The reason for this is that it is able to make him wise unto salvation (v 15).

- It is an imperative for Christian parents to pass on the truth to our children that it matters eternity for them.

The patriarchs and Moses knew this truth and practiced it:

- Gen 48:21
- Deut 32:46-47; 33:4

### **Conclusion**