

## A Godly Mother in Difficult Times

### **1. I want to introduce you to a mother who beat the odds; she raised a wonderful child in the midst of trying times and bad circumstances.**

- ✓ We are going see what she did and how we take these same principles she used and apply them to our children and grandchildren. Before we do that, let's meet this heroic mom who impacted Timothy's life, **2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 1:3-5**.

### **2. How did this woman do it? How does a parent succeed in trying times?**

- 1) We see that Eunice was an encourager.
  - ✓ Do you know what the name Timothy means?, "One who honors God." Moms and dads, our kids need lots of encouragement to turn out right.
  - ✓ **Ecclesiastes 4:9-10**; Moms and parents, we need to be that "other" for our children. Every time Timothy heard his name called, he heard a word of encouragement, "you are going to be one who honors God." Our children need the same repeated encouragement.
- 2) We see that Eunice was a teacher, **2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 3:13-15**.
  - ✓ Who was his teacher? His Mother!! Mothers, parents, grandparents: teach your children about God; the stories, the doctrines, they should hear about Jesus first from you!
  - ✓ **Deuteronomy 6:6-7** This is more than bringing them to church; they need to hear it from you!!
- 3) They need to see it in you! The 3<sup>rd</sup> thing that we see in Eunice was that she was sincere, **2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 1:5**.
  - ✓ Timothy's mother had a sincere faith. I want you to underline that word, because if you really want to help your child be all that God wants them to be, you must have a sincere faith. A sincere faith is one that your children can see, not just hear you talk about: **Philippians 4:9**. You should be able to say that to your children.

**If we want Jesus to be a priority in the lives of our children, then He had better be a priority in ours!! Our children will forget a lot of the things we say, but they will not forget how we lived!!**

---

---

---

---