**SERMON NOTES**

**Mother’s Day 2023**

**”The Godly Example of Godly Mothers”**

**2 Timothy 1: 2-5**

**BIG IDEA: The reason godly mothers are godly is because of God.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ writes the letter of Second Timothy in order to encourage Timothy to stay the course, hold fast in the face those who are trying to cause him trouble and stir up division in the church.**

**One of the first things that Paul appeals to Timothy in order to spur him on to steadfastness in his faith is the godly example of godly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**The active faith of Timothy’s godly grandmother and mother bore witness in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and example that outlasted and overcame even the influence of an unbelieving patriarch in 1st century Roman home.**

**A sincere faith that is a genuine faith that recognizes and expresses our own spiritual poverty and tremendous need for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**A sincere faith is not a perfect faith, but it is a faith that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ puts to death sin and puts on the things of God by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

**A sincere faith is a faith that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_within. When something dwells, it lives, resides, inhabits, abides – it doesn’t visit from time to time – rather it has settled and takes up residence.**

**What we make a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ today will impact the future.**

1. **Make the gathered church body a priority in your family’s life.**
2. **Model godly repentance in your life.**
3. **Give your time and energy to teach the scriptures to your children.**

**There is example is all over the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of godly mothers raising children in the ways, fear, love and warnings of the Lord and the tremendous fruit that sort of life served to bear out.**

**What an invaluable gift of good \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ example of righteousness before the Lord must been on the life of John the Baptist.**

**Mary was a godly mother who prayed and sang songs to her boys and the fruit is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**While the influence of a godly mother will bear fruit, still each person’s faith has to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and unique to them.**

**Timothy did not inherit faith in Christ because Lois and Eunice are believers – though their influence was invaluable. Rather, Timothy was a believer in Christ because of his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ faith “a faith which also dwells and resides in him” (v5).**

**As believers we are to both pass on and share the same example of faith and godliness (as Lois and Eunice did) to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ children in the faith.**

**God’s design for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is that we would be spiritual parents to one another – showing others the way to the gospel and godliness.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_are one of the gifts that Jesus promises to give those who forsake the world and turn to him in the gospel (Mark 10: 28-30).**

**Godly mothers are godly because of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** **The work of Jesus in their life to give them a new heart and a new spirit is what makes these women such godly and praise worthy examples to us.**

*BLANKS: PAUL; MOTHERS; FRUIT; JESUS; DAILY; DWELLS; PRIORITY; BIBLE; ELIZABETH’S; EVERYWHERE; PERSONAL; OWN; SPIRITUAL; LOCAL CHURCH; SPIRITUAL MOTHERS; GOD;*

Congregational Scripture Reading – Proverbs 31: 10-31

An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels.

The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain.

She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life.

She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands.

She is like the ships of the merchant; she brings her food from afar.

She rises while it is yet night and provides food for her household and portions for her maidens.

She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.

She dresses herself with strength and makes her arms strong.
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She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night.

She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle.

She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy.

She is not afraid of snow for her household,

for all her household are clothed in scarlet.

She makes bed coverings for herself; her clothing is fine linen and purple.

Her husband is known in the gates when he sits among the elders of the land.

She makes linen garments and sells them; she delivers sashes to the merchant.

Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come.

She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

She looks well to the ways of her house hold and does not eat the bread of idleness.

Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:

“Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.”

Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

Give her of the fruit of her hands,
 and let her works praise her in the gates.