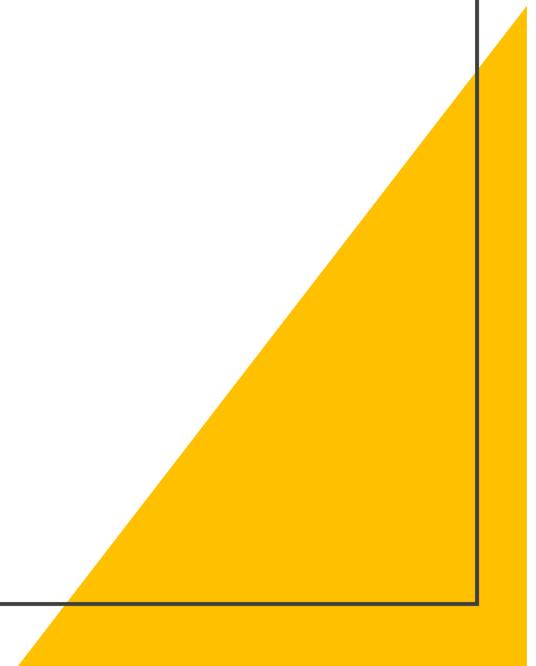


# Generational Christianity (Building a Christian Legacy With Our Children)

2 Timothy 3:14-16



- **The Woodland Park Youth have once again continued our Tradition of Excellence at our most recent Bible Bowl Competition (Between 18-25 children)**
- **We thank our “Bible Bowl Army” for a job well done:**

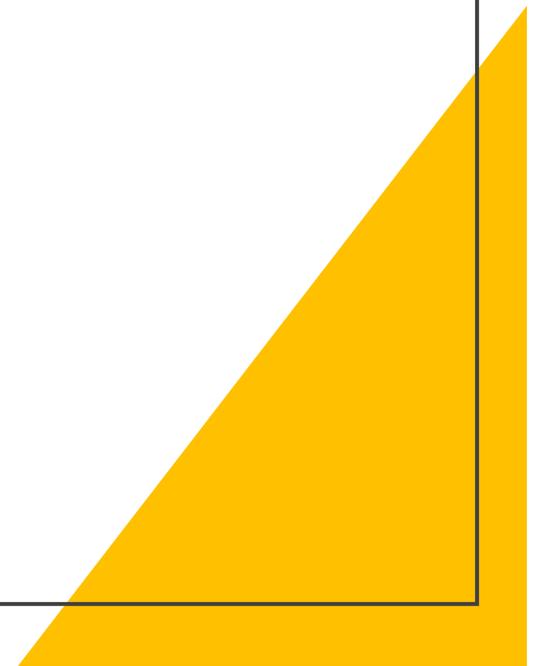
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## 2 Timothy 3:14-16

*But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them: and that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is given by the inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction and for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.*

# Observations

- Timothy was a man who, in his youth, made the great Apostle Paul spiritually proud of him (children who grow up in the church can make their spiritual parents proud)
- He did not come out of the, “classic Christian home.” His mother and grandmother were Christians but his father was not the example of Christianity Timothy could use

*“When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice, and I am persuaded that it is in thee also.”*

*2 Timothy 1:5*

- His spiritual father in the gospel was Paul and not his earthly father, 1 Cor. 4:17, Paul calls Timothy, “my beloved son and faithful in the Lord”

- Timothy was a young man who was raised spiritually by the women in his life (grandmother and mother)
- Two of the 66 books of The Bible are addressed to him (think of the millions of Christians over the centuries that God has encouraged through Paul's letters to this faithful young man; issues like church leadership, apostasy, the importance of scripture in everyday living)
- Lois and Eunice had no idea what God would do with their son, but they prepared him for His service
- Many of our children grow up today in homes where spiritual development has to be molded entirely by one side of the family (like Timothy's home)
- Only God knows your child's spiritual potential! (ex. David)
- God can make the ideal from the non-ideal! *Do your best and let God do the rest!*

# #1 Timothy Learned about “Genuine Faith” From His Mother and His Grandmother

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- Parents if you want to instill genuine faith in your children, make sure that you take your own faith seriously (the next generation is watching you)
- If you are just “going through the motions” spiritually, your children will eventually see it and tragically may imitate that same disconnect in their own lives later
- Timothy couldn’t say that his mother was “phony” as a reason to not follow Jesus. There was no hypocrisy that might discourage him in his walk with the Lord



## #2 Timothy's Mother Exposed Him to the Scriptures Early and Often

*"And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." 2 Timothy 3:15*

**Q: How did a child like Timothy learn the scriptures?**

**A: His mother and grandmother exposed him to them**

**Q: How did our children master the study of Joshua?**

**A: They were exposed by their parents and their church**

**Paul says that knowing the scriptures could make Timothy a wiser person with the potential for better choices in life (Joshua had to make wise choices when Moses was dead)**

**We believe that if our children learn the principles of the Bible, like those in Joshua, they will be wiser, Matt 7:24ff**

# The Plan of Salvation

**Hear the Gospel**                      **Acts 15:7**

**Believe the Gospel**                **Acts 15:7**

**Repent of Sins**                      **Acts 17:30**

**Confess Christ**                      **Acts 8:37**

**Be Baptized**                         **Acts 8:38**

