

## Mother's Day

As America celebrates another Mother's Day we don't want to overlook the Godly influence that our mothers have had upon our lives. Mothers play a pivotal role in nurturing and molding the lives of their children. While we ought to be grateful to our mothers every day, today shall we pause for a moment from our busy activities to thank our Moms for their love, care and nurture; without which most of us would be left "high and dry".

There are so many references in the scripture that shed light into the godly role and the lasting impact mothers have on their children. Can you imagine an Isaac without a Sarah, a Moses without a Jochebed, a Samuel without a Hannah, a John without an Elisabeth, a John Mark without a Mary or a Timothy without a Eunice? These men of God have made such a significant contribution to the kingdom of God thereby leaving a lasting impact upon those who scan the scriptures. But one can never overlook the fact that their lives were fashioned and directed by their mothers during their formative years.

Apostle Paul in his epistle to Timothy reminds him of the sincere faith that he possessed in his life. "I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and I am persuaded, now lives in you also (2 Timothy 1:5)." Wow, did you catch that? Faith that was transmitted down through three generations! Of course the Bible is very clear that faith comes by hearing and hearing of God's word. Yes, without the shadow of a doubt, one can never discount the importance of having a personal encounter with the Lord Jesus Christ and thereby the importance of having faith in the savior; but at the same time God uses godly mothers to transmit their faith to their children by their everyday living. God had opened the heart of a lady named Lois and she believed and was saved. She had the kind of faith that was not confined within her, but one that was contagious. She had such an influence on her daughter Eunice, so that she was saved. The link does not end there, but Eunice passed that faith on to her son Timothy. He in fact became a co-laborer with Paul in the work of world evangelization. It is noteworthy that Lois had the kind of faith that was "sincere", meaning with no pretense. A faith that was so sincere that it was without hypocrisy. A Christian faith that is without hypocrisy is the kind of faith that impacts generations. The faith that impacted Timothy's life was consistent everyday of the week. If we have to impact our children in this society we need to be people who "walk the talk" everyday. A faith that was transmitted from his grandmother to his mother and eventually to him was the product of the daily, sincere commitment to Jesus Christ in every arena of their lives.

We want to thank our godly mothers who are consistent in their walk of faith and live exemplary lives that keep impacting the next generation; Mothers who not only profess their

faith, but practice their faith- for that which is professed when not practiced remains an empty, ineffective faith. Shall we take a moment to thank God for granting us godly mothers!