

## Priorities of a Godly Mother

### 2 Timothy 3:14-17

#### Sermon Summary

This sermon will concentrate on the example given to us by Timothy's mother and grandmother as to the importance of raising your child up in a Godly atmosphere and the results that can be seen from such an important foundation being laid in the life of your child.

#### **Big Idea – Godly Values Are Caught & Taught at Home**

**Big Question: What is the most special memory you have of your mother?**

#### Three Priorities of a Godly Mother

##### Priority #1 – Instill the Word of God into Your Children

###### 2 Timothy 3:14-15 = Give them Life

**Key Point** – The first key point that we see in this text is that young Timothy was taught the Scriptures all the way from infancy. The actually term being used here for “learn” shares the same Greek root as that of discipled therefore we see that from infancy he was being discipled the Word of God. As a Godly mother you have the great responsibility to instill the Word of God into the hearts and mind of your children from a very early age. It will give them life.

##### Priority #2 – Instill an Authentic Faith into Your Children

###### 2 Timothy 1:5

###### 2 Timothy 3:16 = Give them Strength & Wisdom

**Key Point** – The second key point that we see in this text is that young Timothy was not only taught the Word of God but he was also taught what power of God could truly do in the life of an authentic Christian. We see this main point brought out in 2 Timothy 1:5 as we concentrate on these words: “a sincere faith.” The actual Greek word for “sincere” means a genuine, unwavering faith. Many children are not taught an authentic faith today because they are not shown the example but only given the words from their parents.

##### Priority #3 – Instill the Cause of Christ into Your Children

###### 2 Timothy 3:17 = Give them Love

**Key Point** – The final key point that we see in this text is that young Timothy was taught about the greatest cause you could live for on this earth and that is the cause of Christ. As mothers you have the great responsibility to explain and educate your children on the cause of Christ and why it is so important to live for in this life and the life to come.

#### Question to Consider

*What are the characteristics of a Godly mother?*

#### Memory Verse – Proverbs 31:31 (NIV)

Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

#### Challenge

**The Mother's Day Investment Challenge** – This Mother's Day make this commitment to invest in those you love: **As a Mother** – Invest into spending more time telling your children about God and less time worrying about the busyness of life. **As a Husband** – Invest more time into serving and loving your wife, building her up as a woman of God. Complain less, praise her more. Little eyes are watching. **As a Child** – Do not take for granted these moments with your mother, listen to her teachings, and respect her more.

