

TIMOTHY'S MODEL MOM

Dear Friend:

Our mothers help us in so many ways, I know that I helped my mother's prayer life: I was the kind of kid my mother didn't want me to hang out with. I helped her prayer life because more than once I heard her say: "God help you if you do that again!" I haven't always been a Christian, I put my mom through some trying years in my early teens.

There was a young man in the Bible named Timothy that had a praying mother and grandmother. Timothy became a Christian at an early age and was mentored by the Apostle Paul. He became one of the most important leaders in the first 100 years of the Church. He pastored at Ephesus and became one of the first Bishops in the history of the church. Paul taught Timothy how to pastor, but Timothy's mother and grandmother taught Timothy how to live as a follower of Christ from an early age. His mother and grandmother taught him 3 traits of how to be a follower of Christ.

First, they "Walked the Talk". The Bible makes it clear; a person is not a Christian because they say they are, but because they show they are (see James 2:20, "Faith without deeds is useless). I can say I am Tom Brady, does that make me Tom Brady? No, what does it look like when I throw a football? Second trait: they "Talked the Walk". It is important to teach our children and grandchildren the scriptures. Paul says Timothy was taught the scriptures from infancy. Mom, grandma, are you doing the same? Third trait: they Trained Timothy to be a Leader. We don't read anything specifically about his leadership training in the books of Timothy but is clear from the book of Acts and Ephesus that Timothy became a leader. Mom, grandma, teach leadership and give your children (grandchildren) opportunities to demonstrate leadership. Mom, grandma, how's your walk, your talk, and your training going?

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Mike

Prayers: Barb Pittenger (shut-in), Chris Brown (recovering from Esophageal stretching), Peace in Israel/Gaza, Ukraine

Events: Sunday Mother's Day Gift Giveaway! Thursday, May 16 6:00 p.m. Women's Ministry