

## **A Lasting Heritage**

Today across America we are honoring mothers. We owe a debt of gratitude to our mothers not simply for giving us birth but for the countless millions of things they did for us as we were growing up. Your mother left you a heritage.

In II Timothy 1:5 the Apostle Paul said this to his son in the faith Timothy, “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.” Paul was saying in part, you are what you are because of the heritage of your mother and grandmother.

Some of us grew up in Christian homes like Timothy and others were not as blessed. Some of us grew up in stable homes and others come from broken homes and had mothers that would not make anyone’s list of Mother of the Year. Yet all mothers sacrifice themselves for their child and as such should be honored.

Here at YOUR CHURCH NAME we strive to teach and model good parenting. Our goal is to be a source of help and support to parents raising kids in this crazy society we live in. In some cases WE are the only Christian heritage a child has. WE become their spiritual mothers if you will. Right now in our children’s area our staff and volunteers are building that kind of sincere faith that Paul talked about. Every time you give here you are helping build that sincere faith into the next generation. Through your giving you are helping provide spiritual mothering to these kids.

The next verse after Paul talks about Timothy’s mother and grandmother he says this. “For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you...” The reason he wants to fan into flame Timothy’s gift is the heritage he came from. As we think of our own heritage and the heritage we are trying to impart to the children God has sent to us, let’s fan into flame our giving to support this crucial work. Let give to leave a lasting heritage for our children.