

INFLUENCES ON TIMOTHY

2 Tim 1:2-7

1. Spiritual Friendships.

2 Timothy 1:2 *To Timothy, my dearly beloved son:*

Paul – Timothy's spiritual father.

After Paul led him to Christ, Paul did not forget him.

One of greatest things you do for someone is to "rub off"

Matthew 5:13-16; Proverbs 13:20

Grace: Power and energy of God freely bestowed on those who humbly need it.

God's kindness to undeserving.

Mercy: Grace in action to weak and helpless.

Lk 10:37; Mt 18:33; 1 Tim 1:13

Peace: reconciliation, restoration of harmony to lives spoiled by discord

Timothy, if feel worthless, remember God's grace and power.

If feel helpless remember God's mercy

If feel unrest in soul, don't forget God's peace.

2 Timothy 1:3

One of greatest encouragements in ministry is to know that someone is praying for me.

...with pure conscience. That inner freedom of spirit and assurance which comes when I know people see me as I really am and there's no one that can point a finger at me and accuse me of doing something to offend them that I've not made right.

2 Timothy 1:4

Acts 20:19; Acts 20:31; 2 Corinthians 2:4

Tears: maybe tears of burden...discouragement...heart break

Filled with joy:

Great to have mature, spiritual friend who

- Looks at you as spiritual family
- Writes you to rebuke and encourage
- Desires to see you and spend time with you
- Thinks of you and prays for you!

2. Family

2 Timothy 1:5

Stott: *Every man is to a great extent the product of his own inheritance....Good biographies never begin with their subject, but with his parents and probably his grandparents as well*

A child cannot inherit his parents faith

I don't think that during Timothy's early childhood his mother Eunice...godly!

Opinion: probably had independent spirit.

After saved became gracious, sincere, un hypocritical, godly woman.

5... unfeigned faith

Not hypocritical. Not a play actor.

Grandma and mother taught Timothy scriptures. 2 Timothy 3:15

Teens--hope for his future.

- Both parents unsaved: 60-80%
- Both parents saved and yielded..consistent : 95%
- 1 Saved and one unsaved: 60%
- Both saved and hypocritical: 5%

Woodrow Wilson ...*they are your sons, reared in your homes, blood of your blood, bone of your bone. They have absorbed the ideals of your homes. You have formed and fashioned them. They are your sons. In those malleable, moldable years of their lives you have forever left your imprint upon them.*

Duty of every parent – live life and teach Word to children.,

To have forever left positive spiritual imprint upon them. Deuteronomy 6:7

First Influences to Missionaries. Parents are cited as the foremost influence by 158 doctors in their becoming missionaries. "Missionary speaker" ranked second and "personal contact with medical missionaries" third. "God's call to help others" and "books on missions" tied for fourth place. "Pastor" was sixth and "college teacher" seventh.

Jukes Family There has been careful search in to the history of one criminal family known as the Jukes, and it is conspicuous as a long record of pauperism (living on charity..handouts) and profligacy (immoral, wasteful) imbecility (foolish and stupid person) and insanity, prostitution and drunkenness.

A total of 1,200 descendants have been traced of this prolific family tree. Some 400 of these were physically self-wrecked, 310 professional paupers, 130 convicted criminals, 60 habitual thieves and pick-pockets, and 7 murderers; while out of the whole 1,200 only 20 ever learned a trade, and of these half of them owed it to prison discipline. A.T.Pierson.

Jonathan Edwards. *Jonathan Edwards was the son of a godly home. His father was a preacher and before him his mother's father. Trace the history of the offspring of this godly man.*

More than 400 of them have been traced, and they include 14 college presidents, and 100 professors, 100 of them have been ministers of the Gospel, missionaries, and theological teachers. More than 100 of them were lawyers and judges. Out of the whole number 60 have been doctors, and as many more, authors of high rank, or editors of journals.

In fact, almost every conspicuous American industry has had as its promoters one or more of the offspring of the Edward's stock since the remote ancestor was married in the closing half of the seventeenth century.

Proverbs 22:6 Ephesians 6:4

3. Spiritual Gift.

2 Timothy 1:6

Stir up: rekindle; stir into living fire.

Inner fire

Keep it alive by exercising the gift faithfully and by waiting upon God in prayer.

Gift: grace gift.

Motivational,, ministry, manifestation.

4. Spiritual capabilities

2 Timothy 1:7 *For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.*

Fear: timidity, cowardliness

God given all tools need for ministry.

Power: force, ability, might, strength

Love : total giving, sacrificial

Sound mind: discipline, self-control, mental balance.

Don't shy away from opportunities for ministry because of feelings of inadequacy.

So What?

Major influences on Timothy's life.

1. Spiritual friendships.

Your companions?

Who are you influencing?

2. Family

Lois and Eunice...unfeigned faith...

Bad actors...real? How's your testimony

3. Spiritual Gifts

Stir up...

4. Spiritual Capabilities.

Power, love, sound mind.