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2 Timothy 1:5

**When I call to remembrance the
unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first
in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother
Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.**

Here the word of God speaks about the memory of mothers. We have come today to honor our mothers and all the blessings their life gave to us. For many of us a memory is all we have. We must go back down memory lane to remember our mother's I enjoyed reading a poem by Linda Ellis that says.

I read of a man who stood to speak
At the funeral of a friend.
He referred to the dates on her tombstone
From the beginning....to the end.

He noted that first came the date of her birth
and spoke of the following date with tears,
but he said what mattered most of all
was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time
that she spent alive on earth
and now only those who loved her
know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own,
the cars...the house...the cash.
What matters is how we live and love

And how we spend our dash.

So think about this long and hard;
Are there things you'd like to change?
For you never know how much time is left
That can still be rearranged.

If we could just slow down enough
To consider what's true and real
And always try to understand
The way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger
And show appreciation more
And love the people in our lives
Like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect
And show appreciation more
And love the people in our lives
Like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect
And more often wear a smile...
Remembering that this special dash
Might only last a little while.

So when your eulogy is being read
With your life's actions to rehash,
Would you be proud of the things they say
About how you spent your dash?

In this life no one has as much influence over our lives as our mother's. This is always a special day because it brings us again to the memory of our mother's. This year 2016 is the first year in all of my 63 years of living that I don't have a mother to share this day with. But my mother, like all of yours left me with some wonderful memories. Here, the spiritual writer says when I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith of mother's. A mother's works and words will help guide us down the road of life. These words will live on in our memories. One of God's greatest blessings is memory so we can relive those happy experiences of our life. **Deuteronomy 32:7 Remember the days of old.** This we can do because our mother's left so many wonderful memories for us by their love and life and the labor of their hands. No doubt our first memories were of our mother. You see our mothers were the first doctor whoever doctored us. Many times up at night, holding our hand checking our fever and making sure we had something to eat. Our mother's was the first teacher who ever taught us, telling us what to do and what not to do. Our mother was the first cook who ever fed us. Our mother was the first protector who cared for us and watched over us. Our mother was our first corrector who corrected us. The most wonderful word in human language I think we all agree on is mother. I repeat the words of Abraham Lincoln, who said "Everything I am or ever hope to be is because of my mother." Her influence was so powerful. We used to hear the hand that rocks the cradle rules the

world.

Notice.

I. They Lived a Life of Righteousness. V 5

Notice the Bible says, **I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith** of thy mother's. The Bible mentions Lois and Eunice, who had such a life-changing influence over young Timothy. The power of a righteous life in the home then and now. We need to have Bible reading back in our homes again. You remember we had a family altar we prayed at night, the influence of a godly mother. I know two things here about these mothers.

A. When They Started.

These mothers started the righteous teaching from the very beginning of young Timothy's life in fact we read in **2 Timothy 3:15, And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.** You see, folks every baby born today is born with a sinful nature. Yes, we are all born sinners. The Bible says in **Psalms 51:5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.** Yes, each of you needs a righteous mother to give the right direction to help those children find the right way. We notice here in verse number five. Paul talked about the unfeigned faith of their mothers. Now we also remember in **Romans 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.** How did Timothy get this faith? Well, it started early by his mothers. Every child should be saved at

an early age. I think one of the most exciting things in the life of a young family is to see their children come to the Lord at a young age. It's so exciting. It's such a wonderful experience many of us remember this well; how it was such a blessed day that we so enjoyed. We read in **Luke 18:17 Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein.** I was so blessed to have a godly praying mother. I remember in the last year of her life. We would spend a night with her every week and at the end of that day before we laid down we would pray. Mom would out pray me. You could tell she was touching heaven. You could feel the presence of God while she was praying to the father up in heaven. What a wonderful thought and memory I have of such a great praying mother. All mothers have the opportunity to be able to help your children and start early. The Bible says in **Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.** Start early! Get the word of God in their heart. At a young age that one day they will be able to draw from the well of that Scripture that you placed inside of them. In **Deuteronomy 6:7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.** This is the right kind attention. Make sure you do it regularly and routinely.

B. Where They Stayed.

Here were two mothers that stayed at their job. They never considered an outside job. They never thought that there was a career in this world that would be more important to them than a mother. Somehow in this modern age babies are not considered import and any longer. Motherhood at one time was the most sought after position that anyone could ever have enjoyed. We read in the Bible of Rachel that wanted children so bad that she prayed give me children or else I die. I would read of Hannah, who prayed so often that God would give her a boy and promised to give him back to God who gave her young Samuel. Today, many mothers are seeking a career in this temporary world and forget that God is given them a much more important job. **Titus 2:4–5. That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, ⁵To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.**

This used to be what was done; I never remember coming home from school as a child to an empty house. My mother was always there,

preparing our meal on a wood coal burner stove or getting ready to fix a meal for her children.

II. Their Laborers Would be Rewarded. V 5

Now being a mother is not an easy task, in fact, the birthing of a baby is called labor. You see mothers labor to get a child into this world, and they labor a lot trying to provide and to grow them up in this troubled world. The truth is a mother goes near to the jaws of death to get a child born, in fact, some never make it. While preparing this lesson a 29-year-old mother had given birth to twins died this week. While having a child is dangerous yet it will be rewarded to have a son like Timothy a great reward for these two mothers; a son who went into the ministry to become a good servant of God and made a difference in this world. You see young Timothy started serving the Lord at a young age. I read in **1 Timothy 4:12 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example.** Even as a young man Timothy was serving the Lord. No matter what others thought, no matter what they might have said he stood true and stood firm.

A. Their Labor in Supplying.

Those old-fashion mothers said so much hard work to do to supply for a family. We read this in **Proverbs 31:10–15.** ¹⁰ **Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.** ¹¹ **The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.** ¹² **She will do**

him good and not evil all the days of her life.

**¹³ She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh
willingly with her hands.**

**¹⁴ She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth
her food from afar. ¹⁵ She riseth also while it is
yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and
a portion to her maidens.**

The old fashion mother had so much work
that they had to get done. In fact there's an old
saying, a man work is from sun up to sun down but
a mother's work is never done. I read a poem.

Nobody knows of the work it makes
To keep the home together;
Nobody knows the steps it takes,
Nobody knows but Mother.

Nobody listens to childish woes,
Which kisses only heal;
Nobody pained by naughty blows,
Nobody only Mother.

Nobody knows of sleepless care
Bestowed on baby brother;
Nobody knows of the tender prayer,
Nobody only Mother.

Nobody knows of anxious fears
Lest darlings may not weather
The storm of life in after years,

Nobody knows but Mother.

Nobody kneels at the throne above
To thank the Heavenly Father
For the sweet gift a Mother's love
Nobody can but Mother.

Mothers do a lot more than any of us really know. Especially these old-fashioned mother's like my mother who had six children with no running water. She had a washday, but she did not have any automatic washers. I remember us carrying the water and mom would do the wash for all of her family and hang them out on the line to dry. My blessed old-fashioned mother would raise an acre garden and we would eat from that garden during the winter. You see in those days there were no food stamps or government aid. We all had to eat off of the farm I knew exactly where milk came from because mom milked the cow twice a day to supply for her family. She worked hard.

B. Their Labor in Support.

Thank God for a mother who believed in you. A mother who always loved you, no matter what. A mother who never gave up on you or your future. Paul knew that Timothy had grown up with a lot of support that was necessary for him to develop properly. Folks, it is not easy to stand up for Jesus Christ today, for our youth to live for Jesus is a challenge. They need support from their family. And I know one thing they will always have the

support from that godly mother. When everybody else deserts you. You can depend on your mother to be there for your support. What an encouraging person is our mother! Listen to me. Folks 100 years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove, but the world may be different because I was important in the life of my child. This is what mothers believed.

III. They Lived a Life to be Remembered. V 5

Paul said **when I call to remembrance**. It is so important to live a life that will leave some lasting godly memories for your family and their future. We read in **Proverbs 10:7 The memory of the just is blessed**. How will you be remembered? When people think of your name, what will they remember about you? I think each of us needs to consider this. What am I leaving behind to help someone else on life's journey? We all will be gone one day. We need to leave a good legacy. You came to this planet with nothing and when you leave, you will take nothing. So you had better do some good while you are here.

A. You Can be Remembered for Your Guidance. V5

Paul said **when I called to remembrance**. He remembered these two mothers and the life they lived. A life that help guide young Timothy to Jesus Christ and a good life. Isn't that what mothers do? I am sure this was the first Bible teacher that Timothy

ever had. These mothers laid down the Holy Scripture, as a law for him to live by. **Proverbs 6:20 My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother.** I think this is the mission of a parent to give proper guidance to our children and our grandchildren. **Psalms 127:4 As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth.** In Bible times archers would make their arrows straight, so they would fly straight. If they were crooked they would fly crooked. Children have been placed in our care to show love and to give guidance so they might walk a straight path. You can rear godly children in a godless world with help of the Holy Scripture. I know this is such an anti-God world. Today parents make their children to go to Monday school, but will not make them go to Sunday school. If you do not give them a choice about Monday school why would you give them a choice about Sunday school? Children need this guidance that can only come from the Holy word of God as they go to that Sunday school teaching. I think this should be the work of a mother to make sure their children are being taught God's word.

B. You Should be Remembered for Your Godliness. V5

The godly life of Lois and Eunice had carried over to Timothy. This is how it should be. These mothers were making investments and a life that would reward them one day. Remember that work and mother in **Proverbs 31:28 Her children**

arise up, and call her blessed. It does say that after all of those labors, her children will rise up and call her blessed. We can touch the lives of our children and our grandchildren. The Lord said that the sins of the fathers would be carried to the fourth and fifth generation so righteousness and holiness can also be passed to the next generation. You must try to leave a godly legacy. An old Chinese Proverbs says one generation plants the trees and another gets the shade. Our generation lives in the shade of the trees planted by our ancestors. I miss that generation of old-timers. They were not all preachers, but they were godly. They went to church Sunday morning, Sunday night, and Wednesday night. They tithed and supported their church. But while I miss them and mourn their loss their works have remained and keep going. My life has been blessed by the godly life of so many. Just like young Timothy here who had a mother and a grandmother. Parents, your children may not turn out to be a president, a banker, a preacher or even a teacher. Your children need to learn to pray that he learns how to get a hold of God. They need to learn that God has a great work for them to do, and that your life is a great example and you teach them in all you do. This is leaving them a great memory to follow. A song says, What will I leave behind?
After I leave for worlds unknown
Over the border line
Never again on earth to know
What will I leave behind?
Leave behind, oh, leave behind

What will I leave behind?
After I leave for worlds unknown
What will I leave behind?
Will I be missed by those I love
Or have I been unkind?
And have I been true to God above
What will I leave behind?
Leave behind, oh, leave behind
What will I leave behind?
After I leave for worlds unknown
What will I leave behind?



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