

*Genuine
Faith in
Our
Children*

2 Timothy 1:3-5



A genuine faith needs to be in parents

- ◇ 2 Timothy 1:5 – the genuine faith in Timothy dwelt first in his grandmother and mother
 - ◇ If I am going to raise my child to have a genuine faith it first needs to be seen in me
 - ◇ A faith that is real
 - ◇ Not a faith that is someone else's
 - ◇ Not a faith where I am “playing church”

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- ◇ Romans 12:1-2 – Be transformed by the renewing of your mind
- ◇ Psalm 78:1-8 – Each generation is to teach the next about God
 - ◇ But will they teach if they do not have a genuine faith?

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- ◆ If there is not a genuine faith in the parent, how will they teach their child the faith
 - ◆ Training is to be done by the parents (Proverbs 22:6)
 - ◆ A parent cannot train in the Lord if they do not have a genuine faith in the Lord themselves (Ephesians 6:4)

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◇ Application...

◇ 1 Peter 2:2 – Desire the word and grow by it

◇ Romans 10:17 – Faith comes by hearing God's word

◇ Parents need to study to grow their faith

God's word needs to be the foundation of training

- ◇ Ephesians 6:4 – Parents are to bring up children in the training and admonition of the Lord
 - ◇ Bring up – provide and nourish
 - ◇ Training – education, the act of providing guidance
 - ◇ Admonition – calling attention to, putting in mind, counseling on improper conduct

God's word needs to be the foundation of training

◇ 2 Timothy 3:14-17 – Timothy knew scripture from childhood, he was taught scripture

◇ Scripture makes one wise to salvation

◇ Scripture completes man

◇ *Parents are to point to scripture when training*

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◆ Application...

- ◆ When teaching and providing education, teach God's word
 - ◆ Romans 10:17 – Faith comes from hearing God's word
 - ◆ Deuteronomy 6:6-12 – We are to always be teaching the words of God

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◆ Application...

- ◆ When teaching and providing education, teach God's word

- ◆ Every moment we are training in some way

- ◆ *When was the last time, parents, you trained your child in the Lord?*

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◆ Application...

◆ When correction and instruction does occur, we need to point to God

◆ Ephesians 6:4 – Training and admonition includes the idea of discipline, and the discipline or correction is of the Lord

◆ *Parents need to make it about God, not about themselves*

The parents' conduct needs to be proper

- ◆ 1 Peter 1:15-16 – Our conduct is to be proper and holy
- ◆ Philippians 3:17 – When we have proper conduct it can be used as an example
 - ◆ 1 Corinthians 11:1 – As we imitate Christ
 - ◆ If we are to be like this in the world, how much more so are we to be like this in the home?

A consistent life needs to be evident

- ◆ Romans 12:1-2 – We are to be renewed and transformed by the word of God
- ◆ Ephesians 4:20-24 – We are to be renewed in the spirit of our mind putting off our former conduct

A consistent life needs to be evident

- ◆ This applies to all times of our life...
 - ◆ When times are bad or good
 - ◆ In activities, work, services, and home

A consistent life needs to be evident

- ◇ Ephesians 4:25-31 – Are these truly put away from you, or are they just put away when in front of others?
 - ◇ V.25 – We are to put away lying
 - ◇ V.26 – We are to be angry and not sin
 - ◇ V.28 – We are no longer to steal but to work

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- ◆ Ephesians 4:25-31 – Are these truly put away from you, or are they just put away when in front of others?
 - ◆ V.29 – We are not to let corrupt words come out of our mouth but that that which is good and profitable
 - ◆ V.31 – We are to let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from us

A consistent life needs to be evident

◇ Ephesians 4:32 – Are these evidenced at all times?

◇ Kindness

◇ Tenderheartedness

◇ Forgiveness

A consistent life needs to be evident

- ◇ Children need to see consistency in their parents
 - ◇ Who have learned Christ and have a life that is evidence of it (Ephesians 4:20-32; Romans 12:1-2)
 - ◇ Who are humble and receive the word of God, letting it guide their life (James 1:21)
 - ◇ Who are always rejoicing in the Lord regardless of the circumstance or situation (Philippians 4:4)

A consistent life needs to be evident

- ◇ Children need to see consistency in their parents
 - ◇ Who desire the Lord and seek Him first (Matthew 6:33; Colossians 3:1-2)

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- ◇ Parents have a role to play but how can they help?
 - ◇ By having their own genuine faith
 - ◇ By letting God's word be the guide in the bringing up of their children
 - ◇ By conducting themselves properly, being an example
 - ◇ By living a consistent life

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