
A Mother's Greatest Responsibility
2 Timothy 1:3

"A mother's greatest responsibility is to give her child her faith." – Pastor Billy R. Johnson.

Although there is much we commit to giving our children, from education, to social status, to life experiences, we must take care of the most important thing *first*. Giving our children our faith.

To give our faith we must do these things:

We Must POSSESS The Faith

We cannot give what we do not have. In the scripture (Acts 16) Timothy appears as Paul's disciple who was a 3rd generation Christian. Timothy had been given the faith through his mother and grandmother. To ensure that we possess a *genuine faith* we also need to:

- Keep His commandments (**1 John 2:3**)
- Have the Holy Spirit abide in us (**1 John 3:24**)
- Love one another (**1 John 5:2**)

We Must PRACTICE That Faith

By practicing our faith we expose our children to the scriptures. According to **James 1** we should not just be hearers of the word, but *doers* of the word. The relationship between Timothy and his grandmother allowed him to be exposed to the scripture.

We shall remember to PRACTICE our faith through:

- Actions – how we respond to life
- Beliefs – beliefs should be based in the word
- Conversations – life & death are in the power of our words
- Decisions – *allow faith to weigh in on our decisions*

We Must PASS ON Our Faith

Many times we have the best things and we keep it all to ourselves. Share the gospel with those in our family and pass on the faith.

(Philippians 2:19)

God is:

F – For me

A – Accessible to me

I – Intimate with me

T – Trusted by me

H – Gives me HOPE