

Little Things, Big Impact

The overflow of a faith-filled life

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*I am reminded of your sincere faith,
which first lived in your grandmother Lois
and in your mother Eunice...2 Timothy 1:5*

It is a noble thing to live each day with authenticity, our faith defining who we are, how we think, what we say, how we treat others.

- Lois and Eunice had a genuineness that others noticed.
*I am reminded of your **sincere** faith...2 Timothy 1:5*
- They were convinced of who Jesus was, and put their trust in Him.
*I am reminded of your sincere **faith**, which first lived in your
grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice...2 Timothy 1:5*
- They were committed to the Word of God, and taught it to Timothy.
*...from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are
able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.
2 Timothy 3:14-15*
- Their faith was not a compartmentalized belief, but something that transformed their lives and affected all they did.
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grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice...2 Timothy 1:5*

It's most often in our tough circumstances that our faith shines brightest.

- It seems likely that Eunice and her husband were on different pages spiritually.
*... a disciple named Timothy...whose mother was Jewish and a
believer but whose father was a Greek. Acts 16:1*

- It's possible that Eunice's husband was either absent or deceased, as his involvement in Timothy's life is never mentioned. Being a single mom is difficult, and worthy of much respect. It would have been even more challenging in Eunice's day.
- Having a mom who was Jewish and a dad who was Gentile, Timothy may not have been accepted by either side of the family. He had not been circumcised as a baby, which would have been difficult for a Jewish mother. Was that because her husband forbade it? Or did the Jewish community deny circumcision for him because her husband was not Jewish?
...everyone knew that his father was a Greek. Acts 16:3

- **The more we immerse ourselves in God's Word and spend time with Jesus and make room for the Spirit to work in our lives, the more fluent we become in living like him. We'll still have stories of the times we didn't get it right. We'll never be perfect—in this life—but we'll grow more and more.**

Living with integrity does not mean perfection, but it does mean that when we mess up we are quick to humbly ask for forgiveness, from others and from the Lord. Thank the Lord he is gracious and patient and his mercies are new **every morning** (Lamentations 3:22,23)!

Making it Personal

1. When you think of Lois and Eunice and the positive impact they had on Timothy's life, who comes to mind as someone who's had that role in your own life?
2. What are some *small tasks* on *ordinary days* that come to mind as ways you can please the Lord?
3. What's something you're personally inspired to do as you consider Lois and Eunice's lives?