




HAPPY
MOTHER'S
DAY

Thank You Mom!

GLORIFYING THE CREATOR VIA MOTHERHOOD



"The Influence of a Mother"

2 Tim. 1:3-7



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4 Greatly desiring to see thee, being mindful of thy tears, that I may be filled with joy;

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.

6 Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.

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







Welcome to Mother's Day 2018!



Historical Background

Julia Ward Howe first proclaimed Mother's Day in the United States in 1870 in Boston, and Howe called for it to be observed each year nationally in 1872. As originally envisioned, Howe's "Mother's Day" was a call for Pacifism and disarmament by women. Women's peace groups mostly marked early "Mother's Day". A common early activity was the meeting of groups of mothers whose sons had fought or died on opposite sides of the American Civil War.





In 1907 Anna Jarvis in Grafton, West Virginia, to commemorate the anniversary of her mother's death two years earlier on May 9, 1905, first celebrated Mother's Day in a small private way. Jarvis's mother, also named Anna Jarvis, had been active in Mother's Day campaigns for peace and worker's safety and health. The younger Jarvis launched a quest to get wider recognition of Mother's Day. The celebration organized by Jarvis on May 10, 1908 involved 407 children with their mothers at the Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton. The following campaign to recognize Mother's Day was financed by clothing merchant John Wanamaker. As the custom of Mother's Day spread, the emphasis shifted from the pacificism and reform movements to a general appreciation of mothers.





The first official recognition of the holiday was by West Virginia in 1910.

A proclamation designating the second Sunday in May as U.S. president Woodrow Wilson signed Mother's Day on May 14, 1914.

A tradition calls for the wearing of carnations on Mother's Day—a red one if one's mother is alive, and white if she has died.

http://www.corsinet.com/braincandy/mothers_day.html







Having a child is a biological reality. Being a mother is a lifetime of dedication.

The domain of motherhood is the home.



The home is the training ground for developing the soul of society.

- "All that I am or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel Mother." - Abraham Lincoln
- "I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life."- Abraham Lincoln



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- "My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual and physical education I received from her."- George Washington
 - "There never was a woman like her. She was gentle as a dove and brave as a lioness... The memory of my mother and her teachings were, after all, the only capital I had to start life with, and on that capital I have made my way."- Andrew Jackson
 - "I cannot tell you how much I owe to the solemn word of my good mother." - Charles Haddon Spurgeon

<http://www.dayformothers.com/mothers-day-quotes/mothers-influence.html>




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- The influence of a godly mother will have a greater impact on mankind than all the universities of the world.

I. THE TESTIMONY OF MOTHERHOOD'S INFLUENCE

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A. The Blessing for a Mother

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- Paul is expressing his thanksgiving for Timothy.



2 Tim. 1:4 Greatly desiring to see thee, being mindful of thy tears, that I may be filled with joy;

- A godly mother would be thankful for her child being such a blessing to others.
- A godly mother is blessed when her children are faithfully serving the Lord.

Acts 16:1 “Then came he to Derbe and Lystra: and, behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timotheus, the son of a certain woman, which was a Jewess, and believed; but his father *was* a Greek:

2 **Which was well reported of by the brethren that were at Lystra and Iconium.**

3 **Him would Paul have to go forth with him...”**



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- Timothy became an important disciple to the Apostle Paul, Luke and others.

B. The Blessing of a Mother

2 Tim. 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.

- Timothy's testimony began with his grandmother Lois.
- Lois' mothering blessed her daughter Eunice, who in turn, influenced her son, Timothy.





- Do you have a “faith” that will influence your child and your child’s parenting influence?
- What are you doing, right now, to influence your child, or your grandchild regarding service to God?

II. THE TRIUMPH OF MOTHERHOOD’S INFLUENCE

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A. The Spiritual Progeny, 1:3-4

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Paul states his admiration and appreciation for Timothy:

1 Cor. 4:17 For this cause have I sent unto you **Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord**, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach every where in every church.





1 Tim. 1:2 Unto **Timothy, my own son in the faith**: Grace, mercy, *and* peace, from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord. ...

18 This charge I commit unto thee, **son Timothy**, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare;

2 Tim. 1:2 To **Timothy, my dearly beloved son**: Grace, mercy, *and* peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.





B. The Spiritual Perpetuity, 1:5

2 Tim. 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.**

The principle of “Children’s children” is epitomized here!

Lois → Eunice → Timothy





Prov. 13:22 A good *man* leaveth an inheritance to his **children's children**: and the wealth of the sinner *is* laid up for the just.

Prov. 17:6 **Children's children** *are* the crown of old men; and the glory of children *are* their fathers.

- Godly mothers must consistently rear their children with an eye on the future.
- The grandchildren are the dividends of parenting investments.
- Lois and Eunice reaped the dividends of their spiritual investment as Timothy faithfully served the Lord.





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- Eunice was faithful as a single mom – “...but his father *was* a Greek:”
- Her spiritual investment in Timothy resulted a great spiritual harvest for the glory of God.
- Eunice was a good steward of God’s gift to her.

Psa. 127:3 **Lo, children *are* an heritage of the LORD:** *and* the fruit of the womb *is his* reward.





1 Cor. 4:1 Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.

2 Moreover **it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.**

- Regardless of challenging conditions, a faithful mother may be used of the Lord to produce faithful and fruitful children that will glorify God.





Conclusion

2 Tim. 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.

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Gal. 6:9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for **in due season we shall reap, if we faint not**.

Prov. 22:6 **Train up a child in the way he should go**: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

