

DISCIPLE-MAKING AT HOME: MOTHER'S INFLUENCE

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Since Mother's Day is this Sunday, I would like to give a shout-out to all the moms for your dedication and sacrifices in raising your family. It's a huge task with no shortage of challenges, but your hard work has produced bountiful results. According to a Barna poll conducted in April 2018, 68% of young Christians say their faith is influenced by mothers, 46% by fathers, and 37% by grandparent.

Timothy, a prominent early Christian also came of age due to such powerful motherly influence. In two separate passages, Paul recounts and reminds Timothy of his spiritual heritage. In **2 Timothy 1:5**, we know that he gets the faith from his mother and grandmother. Also, they live out the faith so vividly that Furthermore, according to **2 Timothy 3:14-15**, they are also his spiritual teachers as he has gained understanding of the Scriptures from them since "infancy." From these two separate references, we could see that Timothy is brought up in a godly family. Through the lives and teaching of Eunice and Lois, he has known and followed God all his life. They are his role models of walking with God, and have been molding and shaping him to follow God.



Timothy's example shows how big a role nurturing. As a matter of fact, they on **Deuteronomy 6:5-9**. They not only the Scriptures from a very young age. is convinced of it. Because of them and



mother and grandmother play in his spiritual exemplify disciple-making at home based pass on their faith, they also teach him on Not only has Timothy learnt the truth, he their efforts, he is a true Christ follower.

To lead disciple-making at home, you could watch these two short video clips to help you deal with the new norm in this pandemic:

- Coping with the new norm: "Surviving At-Home" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pUfpzqAGEek>
- Setting new structure and routine to help your children: "Managing the Chaos" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JNG3IFwT19A>

To grow spiritually, you could check out the Pastor's Corner (<https://emc.ecac.ca/pastors-corner/>) and JMC's Devotions (<https://emc.ecac.ca/jmc-devotionals/>).

Please come back next week and read another article in this series: Disciple-making at Home.