

A Mother's Faith

2 Timothy 1:5 , *“When I call to remembrance the unfeigned [or, sincere] faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother, Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.”*

Mother's Day gives us an opportunity to fulfill the Scriptural command to *“Honor thy Mother!”* When America loses her godly motherhood, she is lost.

One of the most appealing and impressing days in the life of America is when everyone, from President to the humblest tenant, pauses, as we should, to pay grateful and loving tribute to the best-loved person in the world – our mothers!

When Jesus was dying on the cross, He paused amidst His agony, to reveal His love and care for His mother.

There is a touching scene from history, when President Garfield was being inaugurated as President of the United States of America, he turned to his and mother and kissed her, to show his appreciation to her.

Whatever is good or bad about the world, and the people in it, can be traced back very largely to the influence of our mothers.

God pity the child in a home where there is no prayer.

Someone has said, *“There has never been a great man who has not been inspired to greatness by his mother”* and, how true that is. The foundation for greatness is laid at the mother's knee. The taller the structure, the stronger must be the foundation.

Abraham Lincoln's mother, Nancy Lincoln, had many hardships and disappointments; yet, she had the joy of helping encourage her boy. She spent many hours reading him the Bible. Abraham Lincoln said, *“I remember my mother's prayers and they have followed me. They have clung to me all my life. All that I am and hope to be I owe to my angel mother.”*

Thomas Edison said, *“When I was growing up as a boy thee was only one person who said that I would ever amount to anything.”* He was at the foot of the class. His teacher told him he was wasting his time in school. His mother took him out of school and taught him herself. Thomas Edison said, *“She was the best companion that a boy ever had and I determined right then to be worthy of her and show her that her confidence was not misplaced.”*

Henry Ford said, *“I have tried to live my life as my mother would have wished. She taught me as a boy that service is the highest duty to others. I believe her then and I believe her now. My mother, through perhaps never heard of, was the making of me.”*

The hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world! Mother's hand is mightier than a king's scepter.

Mrs. Luther rocked a reformation in the cradle.

Ulysses S. Grant said to his pastor who was to preach at his mother's funeral, "*Make no reference of me. She gained nothing by any position I have filled or honors that may have been paid to me. I own all this and all I am to be earnest, modest and sincere piety.*"

Andrew Jackson said, "*The memory of my mother and her teachings were the only capital I had to start life with, and on that capital I have made my way.*"

Only God fully appreciates the influence of a Christian mother in molding character in her children.

The great criminal of history had bad mothers. Nero's mother was a murderess. Drunkard Lord Byron's mother was a proud and violent woman. John Dilenger's mother was a woman of the street.

We need Godly mothers more than we need anything else in America. I don't know who said it, but the statement is absolutely true: "*Give me a generation of Christian mothers and I will undertake to change the whole face of society in twelve months.*" If we had more Christian mothers, we would have less delinquency, less immorality, less ungodliness and fewer broken homes!

Mother, let me say, "*You owe it to your children to accept Jesus Christ as your Savior, if you have not already done so.*" Children absorb the example and attitude of their mothers. Their mother's influence cannot be measured. It takes time to build character in your children.

Paul said to Timothy, in the words of my text, "*I remember the sincere, unqualified faith that is in you, that first found a home in the heart of your grandmother, Lois, then was witnessed in your mother, Eunice, before you, therefore, I am persuaded that this faith is in your also.*"

1 Kings 22:52, speaking of Ahaziah, said, "*He did evil in the sight of the Lord and walked in the way of his mother.*" The reason Scripture gives from Ahaziah's doing evil in the sight of God was because of his mother's influence – "*he walked in the way of his mother.*"

2 Chronicles 22:3, speaks of Ahaziah again, and says, "*He also walked in the way of the house of Ahab, because **his mother was his counselor to do wickedly.***"

Mothers, you influence your children either for good or bad. God help you to call on Him to enable you to influence them for Him.