

How Moms  
Can  
Change the  
World



## 2 Timothy 1:3-7

The mother and grandmother in this text raised a man who became a world changer

Timothy was personally handpicked by Paul the apostle to spread the gospel and pastor a church

# Three ways to invest in your children to change the world

## Tenderness

The first thing Paul remembered when he thought of Timothy was Timothy's tears

Timothy was the most loyal friend Paul had

Philippians 2:20

# Tenderness

*Like-minded* means equal-souled

Timothy cried at some event

At a departure Paul and Timothy had

# Tenderness

When Paul installed him as the pastor at  
Ephesus and departed

Acts 20:37-38

# Thomas Lea and Hayne P. Griffin

"Tears from a man like Timothy were more allowable among those of Paul's era than among modern men of the West"

# Isaiah 66:13

“As one whom his mother comforts, so I will  
comfort you;  
And you will be comforted in Jerusalem.”

# Jewish saying

"God couldn't be everywhere, so He invented mothers"



# Tenderness

One of the ways God shows Himself to be everywhere is through the tender care and love of a mother

Timothy got his tenderness from his mother and grandmother

# Tenderness

One of the greatest contributions to your children is displayed tenderness

# John Bowlby

"The young child's hunger for his mother's love and presence is as great as his hunger for food.... Her absence inevitably generates a powerful sense of loss and anger"

# Tenderness

It's tenderness that makes a man approachable,  
relatable, and credible

# Godliness

Timothy got his faith matriarchally

Timothy was not circumcised; Acts 16:3

*Timothy means one who fears the Lord*

# Eunice

The Latinized form of the Greek word *euniké*

Niké was the winged goddess of victory

*Eunice* means *one who conquers well*

# Eunice

Paul visited Lystra two times

First time: Eunice and Lois were converted

Second time: Timothy had matured in faith and  
joined Paul's team

## G. Campbell Morgan

"My dedication to the preaching of the Word was maternal.... When but eight years old I preached to my little sister and to her dolls arrayed in orderly form before me. My sermons were Bible stories which I had first heard from my mother"



# Scottish saying

"An ounce of mother is worth a pound of  
clergy"

# "Genuine faith" (v. 5)

Unhypocritical, genuine, sincere, real

"No man is poor who has a godly mother" —

Abraham Lincoln

# "Genuine faith" (v. 5)

The first five years of a child's life are the most  
critical

85 percent of a child's character is formed by  
age five

# Charles Spurgeon

"Ere your boy has reached to seven, teach him well the way to heaven; better still the work will thrive if he learns before he's five"

# Boldness

The product of genuine faith is faithful service  
to God

Scholars guess Paul wrote verse 7 because  
Timothy was becoming fearful  
Paul was in jail

# Boldness

Or Timothy was becoming apathetic in ministry

*Stir up* (v. 6) means *keep the fire going, fan the embers of your flame*

Tenderness and godliness provide the impetus  
for boldness

# Boldness

The seeds you are sowing in your child's life  
won't germinate for a long time

Paul referred to Timothy about eleven times in  
the New Testament and wrote him two letters

Timothy was Paul's son spiritually

## Psalm 127:3-4

Behold, children are a gift of the LORD,

The fruit of the womb is a reward.

<sup>4</sup> Like arrows in the hand of a warrior,

So are the children of one's youth.



# Psalm 127:3-4

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Children are a heritage from the LORD

*Heritage* could be translated assignment

Children are to be launched toward a target  
you've arrived at first

You can't pass on what you don't have

# Closing

A mother's role is the most important task on planet earth

A mother's job never ends, but her influence lasts a lifetime

God made mothers to help us arrive at God's best once we've been born