

THE IMPORTANCE OF GRANDMOTHERS

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By the time a lot of women get to be grandmothers, they begin to feel as if they are of little importance. Let me help you change your attitude if this be the case. The importance of a grandmother can be seen in a number of ways.

A CHILD'S TRAINING BEGINS WITH HIS GRANDMOTHER

A lot of people wait until a child is almost grown to begin proper training and teaching. Waiting until a child is a teenager to begin teaching and training is far too late! If you want to have a good child, his training should have begun with his grandmother. Paul told Timothy, "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 in thee also" (2 Tim. 1:5). When looking for a wife or a husband, what better person to look at and check out than the grandmother?

GRANDMOTHER'S HAVE INFLUENCE

The God-fearing grandmother has good children. Grandmother Lois had a good child in the person of Eunice. The making of a good child takes lots of hard work and good influence. Ezekiel said, "...as is the mother, so is her daughter" (Ezek. 16:44). If a mother wants to know what kind of daughter she will have, she just needs to look at herself!

GRANDMOTHERS AND GRANDCHILDREN

Grandmothers are used for a lot of things from baby sitting and on. Perhaps the greatest thing which a grandmother can give is faith. I know that "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom. 10:17), but this faith has to be instilled in us by someone. Timothy's mother, Eunice had been trained and taught properly and, in turn, her son Timothy was a godly boy. Timothy was a young gospel preacher who had been brought up right and consequently he had "unfeigned faith." An unfeigned faith is a sincere faith. Paul had confidence in Timothy because he knew his mother and his grandmother. Paul seemed to be proud of Timothy and referred to him as his "son in the gospel" (1 Tim. 1:18). ***God be thanked for godly grandmothers!***