

God's work in imperfect homes

Timothy's family background

- I. Timothy's home life was spiritually mixed.
 - A. His mom probably felt guilt about her past.
 - Jew/Gentile marriages were forbidden by God (Acts 16:1; Deuteronomy 7:3,4; Nehemiah 13:27).
 - God instructs believers to marry believers today (1 Corinthians 7:39; 2 Corinthians 6:14).
 - God gives grace for sin (1 Timothy 1:15-16).
 - B. His dad was not a spiritual leader in the home.
 - Timothy's Jewish mother became a believer while his Gentile dad did not (Acts 16:1).
- II. God provided others to help Timothy spiritually.
 - A. Timothy followed the example of a mom and grandma who had an authentic faith (2 Timothy 1:5).
 - B. Timothy learned God's word as a child (2 Timothy 3:14,15).
 - C. Timothy was mentored by Paul (Acts 16:3).
- III. Timothy took spiritual responsibility for himself as a young man.
 - A. Timothy was spiritually respected by two churches as a young man (Acts 16:2).
 - B. Timothy submitted to circumcision for the sake of ministry to Jews (Acts 16:3-5).
 - C. Paul trusted Timothy with spiritual leadership (1 Corinthians 4:17; 1 Timothy 1:3).