Your Role as a Mother for Your Children and Grandchildren

Praise be to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Let us learn from the Word of God.

The Scripture says:

Proverbs 22:6 (NIV) –

> *“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.”*

When you train your child in the proper way, he or she will not stray from that path even in adulthood. This also means that when your child becomes a parent, your grandchildren will benefit from the values and teachings you instilled. What you taught your child, he or she will pass on to the next generation. In this way, your family can remain holy and blessed for multiple generations.

If you notice challenges in a grandchild, understand that such challenges often begin with the grandparents, continue with the

parents, and eventually reach the grandchildren. But if the grandparents raise their child in the fear of God, in love and obedience to Him, that child will also teach their children the same path. Consequently, the grandchildren born into such a family will grow with godly character and a desire to please God.

Biblical Example:

Consider the example of a grandmother who raised her child properly, resulting in her grandchild growing up to be righteous.

This woman was Lois, whose daughter Eunice gave birth to Timothy, who became a servant of the Lord.

2 Timothy 1:4-5 (NIV) –

> *“I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.”*

Here, Paul reminds Timothy of the source of his faith—his

grandmother Lois and mother Eunice. Timothy's love for God did not begin with him alone; it was nurtured by the faith of his grandmother. That is why Timothy was able to embrace the gospel of Jesus Christ early and eventually serve as a pastor in many churches.

Timothy was not fully Jewish; his mother was Jewish, and his father was Greek. Nevertheless, the spiritual upbringing he received from his grandmother and mother made him stand out among his peers.

Acts 16:1-3 (NIV) –

> *"Paul came to Derbe and then to Lystra, where a disciple named Timothy lived, whose mother was Jewish and a believer, but whose father was a Greek. The believers at Lystra and Iconium spoke well of him. Paul wanted to take him along on the journey, and he circumcised him because of the Jews who lived in that area, for they all knew his father was Greek."*

As a parent or grandparent, what legacy will you leave your

children and grandchildren? Is mere academic education enough?

If your child receives only worldly education without God in their life, you risk losing them, regardless of how successful or wealthy they become.

Grandmother Lois foresaw the glory of her grandchild’s future and ensured that he became a faithful servant of God. She taught her daughter Eunice well, and Eunice, in turn, taught Timothy the right way.

History is full of highly educated and wealthy young people whose names are forgotten, but the story of Timothy still blesses millions. God gave Timothy an enduring legacy.

If we also train our children in the right way, our legacy will continue through our children, grandchildren, and generations yet to come.

Practical Steps:

Teach your children the Bible.

Don’t teach them about Jesus as if He were a subject like math—teach them His commandments, the importance of prayer, and the power of worship in daily life.

If you put God first in their lives, He will take the first place in all areas of their lives.

May God bless us all. Maranatha!

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