

Lois and Eunice and Loretta!!

II Timothy 1:5; 3:14,15

You probably know the name Timothy. He was a young man who met Paul in Acts 16:1-2: "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. <sup>2</sup>The believers at Lystra and Iconium spoke well of him." And Paul decided to take him with him on his journey, and Timothy traveled with him for some time. Paul mentored him. He called him his "my true son in the faith" (I Tim. 1:2) and placed him as the Pastor of the church at Ephesus.

I. \_\_\_\_\_ FOR THE SCRIPTURES - II Tim. 3:14-17

Notice when this started: v. 15 - "From infancy" - this is the same Greek word as in Luke 2:12 - angel to the shepherds - "you will find the babe..."

It's \_\_\_\_\_ too soon to start spiritual training!

Respect for the Scriptures is more than what we believe about them, or not putting something else on top of the Bible - it's \_\_\_\_\_.

II. SINCERE \_\_\_\_\_ - II Tim. 1:5

She knew it was not enough to read the Scripture and show up at synagogue once a week--Timothy needed to see a \_\_\_\_\_ of faith!

Deut. 6:6,7 (Message) "Write these commandments that I've given you today on your hearts. Get them inside of you and then get them inside your children. Talk about them wherever you are, sitting at home or walking in the street; talk about them from the time you get up in the morning to when you fall into bed at night."

III. A DESIRE TO \_\_\_\_\_ - Acts 16:1-3

Acts 16:2 - "the believers at Lystra and Iconium spoke well of him."

I Thess. 3:2,3 - "We sent Timothy, who is our brother and co-worker in God's service in spreading the Gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you in your faith, so that no one would be unsettled by these trials."

I Cor. 4:17 - Paul says that Timothy is "faithful in the Lord."

Phil. 2:20 - Paul, speaking of Timothy, "I have no one else like him, who will show genuine concern for your welfare.....(v. 22) "you know that Timothy has proved himself."

