

THE BIBLE (PAUL'S SECOND LETTER TO TIMOTHY, PART 1)



2 Timothy 3:14–17

BIBLICAL PASSAGE

2 Timothy 3:16–17

MEMORY VERSE

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. **2 Timothy 3:16–17**

Have you ever listened to your kids reminisce about the past? Isn't it cool to hear about meaningful things from their perspective? They may recall things that have mattered to them that you don't even remember. We never know what things we do will ultimately impact our kids. This can be both positive and negative. But thankfully, our children have a way of filtering out the bad and remembering the good.

Read 2 Timothy 3:14–17. Paul reminded Timothy of his holy heritage. Timothy had been taught the Word of God

from godly people, and he could always fall back on those good memories. The Word of God was just part of who Timothy was, and he lived it out in specific ways.

Do your children's memories include moments when you were faithful in teaching them God's Word? If not, it's not too late to start. You can help establish a legacy that will serve them for the rest of their lives. Then, they will pass on their memory, knowledge, and understanding of God's Word to the next generation, providing practical ways to live out its truths.

FAMILY DEVOTION TIME

Connect . . .

First, family members share some Bible truths they remember learning at an early age. These can be in the form of songs or short verses learned in school or preschool. Take the time to sing the songs, share the verses, pull out your children's Bible storybooks, and share the context in which these things were learned. Laugh, too.

Explore . . .

A family member reads 2 Timothy 3:14–17. Then, the family discusses: **Why did Paul think it was important for Timothy to remember those Biblical truths he had been taught from infancy? How did Paul express the practicality of Scripture? Why is it important to learn Scripture in our early years?**

Transform . . .

First, the family revisits those Biblical truths they recalled in the Connect section. Ask: **Why has this stayed with you, and how has it become part of who you are? How has it contributed to your faith? How do you pass along this truth to others? What would you want your children to know about these truths?**

Pray that your family members will take the biblical truths they have been taught and pass them on to others through words and actions.

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