



## 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?

### **Grandmothers 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!***

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## ***Bible Book Puzzle***

*[The following paragraph contains the names of thirty books of the Bible. See if you can locate them – some are easy to find, while others are more difficult. I can vouch that all thirty are there, for I found them after some diligent searching. I made a list of the Bible book names and an answer key if you become desperate. It can be a good exercise to help one become more familiar with the books of the Bible. Happy searching!! 😊 – mwg]*

There are thirty books of the Bible in this paragraph. Can you find them? This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket, on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much, he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his john boat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges the job of solving this puzzle so involving, she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. Truthfully, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fund raising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phi lemonade booth set a new sales record. The local paper, The Chronicle, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it, "the books are all right here in plain view hidden from sight." Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. Also, keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mad exodus, there really are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph waiting to be found.