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***“Note Those Who So Walk”***

Philippians 3:17

2Thessalonians 3:14

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***Lois and Eunice – Starting a Chain of Faith***

***Text: 2Timothy 1:3-7***

2Timothy 1:5, “...when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also.”

**I. Heritage verses faith.**

A. For the purposes of this study, we will distinguish between heritage and faith in the following way:

1. Heritage is essentially what we inherit: Money, items, and even - actions and attitudes (consider the rich young ruler of Mark 10:17-27).
2. Faith is what we have for ourselves – what we own (2Corinthians 5:10).

B. Thus, heritage and faith can be different. Essentially, Timothy’s heritage became his faith.

**II. What does it mean to be genuine?**

A. Webster: **a:** actually having the reputed or apparent qualities or character; **b:** actually produced by or proceeding from the alleged

source or author; **c**: sincerely and honestly felt or experienced; **d**: free from hypocrisy or pretense.

B. To keep it real!

### III. **What do you do with genuine faith?** (6).

A. Genuine faith needs to be motivated: Paul encouraged Timothy.

B. Genuine faith works the gifts that are within:

1. Certainly, in the case of Timothy, this refers to the miraculous gifts laid on Timothy by Paul (see Acts 8:19).
2. Today, the application is the talents that are within and the power of the word (Hebrews 4:12, Romans 1:13, Matthew 25:14-30).

### IV. **What does genuine faith produce?** (7).

A. No fear.

B. But power, love, and a sound mind.

1. Power within the gospel (Hebrews 4:12, Romans 1:13).
2. Love from a pure heart (Psalm 24:4; 1Peter 1:22).
3. A sound mind – a mind that reasons (2Timothy 1:13).

### V. **Where is the best place for genuine faith to start?**

A. From Lois.

B. To Eunice.

C. To Timothy.

Conclusion:

1. Who said women cannot do anything?
2. Certainly one can have genuine faith without a godly mother and grandmother but it is certainly more secure with it.