

Bible Loving Homes

2 Tim. 3:14-17

Introduction:

- A. Timothy grew up in a Bible loving home.
 - 1. Taught by a Bible loving mother and grandmother.
 - 2. Produced a genuine faith that drove and sustained Timothy.
- B. Bible loving homes are the prime producers Bible believing spiritual leaders.
 - 1. Where primary responsibility lies (Eph. 6:4; Deut. 6:6-7)
 - 2. Where results is the greatest (v. 15; cf. 2 Tim. 1:5; Phil. 2:19-22)
- C. Bible loving homes must accept this responsibility.
 - 1. Don't depend on society to do it – schools, government, etc.
 - 2. Don't depend on church to do it – children don't belong to church, but parents.
 - 3. Don't use failures or corruption in these as scapegoats for you failure.
- D. Let us consider 3 traits of Bible loving homes.

Discussion:

I. Homes Where the Bible Is *Read*.

- A. Daily Bible reading a Bible sanctioned practice (Acts. 17:11; cf. Sears Catalog)
- B. Not as a ritualistic chore like “eat your liver because it is good for you”
- C. But, out of a real interest and love for God and His word.
 - 1. With a desire to have Bible in the heart and upon the lips (cf. Duet. 6:6-7; 11:20-21)
 - 2. With a real interest in knowing right from wrong, truth from error.
 - 3. With the thrill of discovering Bible facts and teachings.

II. Homes Where the Bible Is *Respected*.

- A. As God's word (cf. 1 Thess. 2:13)
- B. As God's answer to life's great mysteries.
 - 1. Where did we come from?
 - 2. Why are we here?
 - 3. Where are we going?
- C. As God's perfect and authoritative guide (2 Tim. 3:16-17).
 - 1. What it says about the church, worship, etc. – not man.
 - 2. What it says about home life - not man.

III. Homes Where the Bible Is *Reflected*.

- A. In Biblical knowledge (2 Tim. 2:15; 3:15)
- B. In Biblical interest – read, talked, discussed, searched.
- C. In Biblical out-looks on life.
 - 1. Dignity - know they are more than mere animals.
 - 2. Joy - know they are by design not fate.
 - 3. Realistic - know they are lost without Christ
 - 4. Hope - know they can be saved, not doomed. in Christ.
- D. In Biblical priorities (Matt. 6:33)
- E. In Biblical behavior
 - 1. Like humans - not animals.
 - 2. To please God and serve others - open homes (2 Pet. 4:9; Tit. 1:8)

Conclusion:

- A. Let the world scoff at the Bible – let us live it.
- B. Let the homes of the world do their things - let our homes do Bible things.