

# sermon notes

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## *Four things we should thank God for:*

- 1) The dependable \_\_\_\_\_ of life to come  
(1:1b)
  
- 2) Loyal \_\_\_\_\_ who never stop following \_\_\_\_\_  
(1:2)
  
- 3) Trustworthy \_\_\_\_\_ in ministry  
(1:3-4)
  
- 4) Faithful \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ who pass on their faith  
(1:5)

## Questions for further application of God’s Word:

### GO DEEPER

Read the introduction to 1 Timothy (1:1–2) and compare/contrast it with 2 Timothy’s (1:1–2). How are these intros similar? How do they differ? What is the “promise of life” that Paul references in 2 Timothy 1:2?

Read 1 Timothy 1:3–5. Why does Paul thank God? Why does Paul reference his “ancestors” in verse 3? What’s the significance of that and how does it relate to his thanksgiving in that verse?

What do we learn about Timothy’s mother and grandmother in this passage? What can we conjecture about Timothy’s father and grandfather? How does Timothy’s biological background help us to understand his spiritual kinship (“my beloved child” in 1:2) with Paul?

### GET PERSONAL

What role do moms have in the lives of their children’s spiritual development? How is it similar and different from the father’s role? What spiritual help is available to the moms who don’t have spiritual male leaders in their homes?

How have mothers and grandmothers impacted your life? If you are a mother or a grandmother, how does God want to use you to influence your children and grandchildren? If you are not a mother or a grandmother, how might you encourage those individuals in the church community?

What can we learn from Timothy’s upbringing? How did God provide spiritual mentoring (male and female) for Timothy? Who in your life are you discipling and raising up in Christ like Paul did for Timothy?

### PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Take some time to thank God for the four things mentioned above. Also make a list of godly church leaders who have impacted your life and praise God for them. Pray through the list and think through all the people that God has used as examples in your life and as sources of encouragement. Pray for people whom God is using you to disciple/mentor too.

### ADVANCED QUESTION

Read through the entire book of 2 Timothy and discern the tone of this book. Is it positive or negative? Is it hopeful or pessimistic? Identify those individuals who were unfaithful to Paul. Are there others to add to this list from the letter of 1 Timothy? How was Timothy different? Who else besides Timothy was faithful to Paul all the way to the end of his life?