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2 Timothy 1: 3-5 – "Handing Down Our Faith"

INTRODUCTION:

Paul is reminding Timothy of how he received his unfeigned (genuine, sincere) faith. His faith included three things. His faith included a conviction of religious truth, reliance upon God for salvation, and the system of religious truth. Consider:

I. HOW IS FAITH TO BE HANDED DOWN? (2 Tim. 1:5)

1. There must be a communication of God's word.

A. Who is to communicate God's word?

- a. Parents - From parent to child. Timothy received his faith from his mother Eunice, who received her faith from her mother Lois. **READ 2 Tim. 3: 10-16.** This is a process commanded by God. **Ephesians 6: 1-4; Deut. 6:1-9**
- b. Disciples - From disciple to disciple. Timothy was to communicate his faith to others (**2 Tim. 2:1-2**).

B. How is the word to be communicated? (Deut. 6: 7-9)

- a. Diligently (v.7) To instill by careful and persistent instruction.
- b. Verbally (v. 7) "talk of them"
- c. Visually (v. 8-9) Note: "Bind them," "write them," Years later the Jews literally enclosed written portions of the law in small cases called phylacteries, and bound them on their hands and foreheads (Mt. 23:5).
- d. Continually (v. 7) The words, sittest, walkest, liest, and risest indicate that in every waking moment parents were to teach their children in their homes.
- e. By example (vv. 5-6)

II. WHY SHOULD WE HAND DOWN OUR FAITH?

1. We obey God's command (Deut. 6:1)
2. We provide for the salvation and spiritual well being of others (Deut. 6:2)
3. We will receive God's blessings (vv. 2-3) Longevity, and prosperity
4. We help produce a future generation of God-fearers (Ps. 78:6-8)