

WOMEN OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

EUNICE AND LOIS

Pray and ask God to help you to know Him better as you study His Word.

Read the Bible passage (preferably without using commentaries).

Begin to answer the questions using your own words.

Questions are based on the New International Version (NIV) 2011 edition.

LESSON 24

1. What truth, verse or insight from last week's study of **Priscilla** was helpful to you?

SECTION I: Read Acts 16:1-5

2. Where was Paul when he encountered Timothy in **V1**? Read **Acts 14:8-20**. Describe how Paul's first visit there ended.

3. a) Who were Timothy's parents, according to **V1**?

b) Eunice, Timothy's mother, married a non-Jewish man. What are possible explanations for her marrying outside of her faith?

4. How did "the brothers" feel about Timothy in **V2**?

5. What two major decisions did Paul make concerning Timothy in **V3**?

6. a) Why was circumcision so important to the Jews?

b) Since his father was Greek (a non-Jew), Timothy wasn't circumcised. Read **Genesis 17:9-14**. What was the standing of a Jewish male who was uncircumcised?

7. a) According to **V4**, what was the mission of Paul and Timothy as they traveled from town to town?

b) Read **Acts 15:1-29** and describe the "decision" they delivered.

7. c) Why do you think Paul had Timothy circumcised, given the “decision” they were delivering?

8. From **V5**, how were the churches impacted?

9. Given that Eunice’s husband was likely not a believer, and yet Timothy had such a notable faith, what hope does this bring you?

SECTION II: Read 2 Timothy 1:5, 3:14-17

10. a) Who were the women in Timothy’s life, and how did they impact him? (**V5**)

b) Paul ascribed to this family a legacy of “sincere faith.” What do you learn about faith, according to:
Romans 3:22-24 _____

Romans 10:17 _____

11. a) What action verb is connected with the faith that Paul saw in Timothy, Eunice, and Lois?

b) What do you think it means to have a “sincere faith” **living** in you?

12. a) From **3:14**, what was Paul’s instruction to Timothy?

b) How did Paul acknowledge the influence of Eunice and Lois in **V14-15**?

13. Eunice and Lois clearly invested in Timothy. How do the following verses coach us as we invest in children?

Deuteronomy 4:7-9 _____

Deuteronomy 6:5-9 _____

14. a) Take creative license. How might Eunice and Lois have made known the Scriptures to Timothy from infancy?

14. b) What are ways today that we can pour the Scriptures into our children (even infants)?

15. What was the chief end of the wisdom found in **2 Timothy 3:15b**? How does such wisdom differ from the world's concept of wisdom?

16. **V16-17** are profound and well-known verses. How do you tie them in with the legacy of faith Eunice and Lois passed on to Timothy?

17. Reflect on these two women.

- What risks and challenges do you think they faced in parenting Timothy?
- What positive character traits do you see displayed in them that you would like displayed in you?

18. What beliefs did your grandmother, mother, or other important parental figure impart to you from infancy? In your faith journey, how have you continued or departed from that belief system?

19. Write a prayer regarding the impact of God's Word on your life or the lives of those closest to you.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Faith is not inherited from our parents; it is the work of the Holy Spirit and a choice. God's Word is able to speak truth to us regardless of the faith of our parents. Meditate on these verses and find a truth in them.

Isaiah 55:10-11 _____

Romans 10:11-13 _____

1 Corinthians 7:13-14 _____

Other verse _____

2. Read **Romans 9:13-16**. On the subject of "faith," how are you challenged or encouraged by these verses?

3. Suggested Memory Verse: **Deuteronomy 6:6-7**

