

MOTHER'S DAY A Sincere Faith

Influence - the capacity to have an effect on the character, development, or behavior of someone or something, or the effect itself.

How do we leverage our influence in the lives of others?

"A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way."
John C. Maxwell

"Leadership is not about titles, positions or flowcharts. It is about one life influencing another." John C. Maxwell

"Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised."

Proverbs 31:30 NIV

Billy Graham wrote, "Only God Himself fully appreciates the influence of a Christian mother . . . in her children."

Paul saw who influenced Timothy...

¹ This letter is from Paul, chosen by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus. I have been sent out to tell others about the life he has promised through faith in Christ Jesus. ² I am writing to Timothy, my dear son. May God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord give you grace, mercy, and peace.

Encouragement to Be Faithful

³ Timothy, I thank God for you—the God I serve with a clear conscience, just as my ancestors did. Night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. ⁴ I long to see you again, for I remember your tears as we parted. And I will be filled with joy when we are together again. ⁵ I remember your genuine faith, for you share the faith that first filled your grandmother Lois and your mother, Eunice. And I know that same faith continues strong in you.

2 Timothy 1:1-5 NLT

YOUR FAITH MUST BE PERSONALLY EXPERIENCED.

- We must each personally trust Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior.
- You can't pass on a faith you don't have any more than you can teach something you don't know.
- We must admit our need for forgiveness.

"For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard."

Romans 3:23 NLT

- We must receive Christ and his offer of salvation as a gift.
"But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God."
John 1:12 NLT

⁸ "God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. ⁹ Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it."

Ephesians 2:8-9 NLT

YOUR FAITH MUST BE SINCERELY EXPRESSED.

¹⁴ But you must remain faithful to the things you have been taught. You know they are true, for you know you can trust those who taught you. ¹⁵ You have been taught the holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. ¹⁷ God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

2 Timothy 3:14-17 NLT

YOUR FAITH MUST BE CONTINUOUSLY EXHIBITED.

¹ Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see. ² Through their faith, the people in days of old earned a good reputation. ³ By faith we understand that the entire universe was formed at God's command, that what we now see did not come from anything that can be seen. ⁴ It was by faith that Abel brought a more acceptable offering to God than Cain did. Abel's offering gave evidence that he was a righteous man, and God showed his approval of his gifts. Although Abel is long dead, he still speaks to us by his example of faith.

Hebrews 11:1-4 NLT