A Sincere Faith

2 Tim 1:5 "I am mindful of the *Sincere Faith* within you, which first dwelt in your grandmother *Lois*, & your mother *Eunice*.





It would seem, from this verse that Lois was the first of the family to be converted. Eunice, became a believer (Acts 16:1), and finally Timothy. (BKC; Barnes)



Not pretending in order to get recognition, financial benefit, power, approval, excitement,

or any other worldly motive.

A sincere Faith

(Eph 6:14-17)
ARMED?
Helmet
Breastplate
Shield
Belt

Sword

'Boots'

#1. You will (1 Tim 1:18)

"Fight the Good Fight." *

Fight (war) Strate-u omai: 4754 "to make a military expedition, to lead soldiers to war or to battle." -Thayer

For Christianity Jude 1:3

Know your enemy Eph 6:11-12

You wish to learn how to teach others? 1 Pet 3:15

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#2. You will (1 Tim 4:12)
"Be an Example" of those who believe.

How to be that example:

In speech (Eph 4:29)

Conduct (1 Pet 4:3-4)

Love (John 13:34-35)

Faith (Mat 8:10)

Purity (1 Pet 1:13)

* Tupos

a die,
type,
shape, ie
statue, a model.

Easy test: Do you want the teens to follow your example? Would you invite the elders and deacons along?

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#3. (1 Tim 4:14) "Do Not neglect the spiritual gift.."

Overlook, forget, be unconcerned, to fail to use.

2 Tim 1:6 "For this <u>reason</u> I remind you to <u>fan into</u> <u>flame the gift of God...in you.." NIV</u>

Thayer: The remains of a fire, embers; relighted by bellows, reference. one's strength, zeal.

- 2 Tim 1:7 God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power [dunamis], love [agape] & discipline [sofronismo].
 - 2 Tim 1:8 Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, or of me His prisoner.

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#4. "Therefore, my son, be strong in the grace [blessing] that is in Christ Jesus.." (2 Tim 2:1)



Some Wilted
Some didn't
Tim 1:15-18

Be strong in the Lord Eph 6:10 Phil 4:13

Act like men
Be strong
1 Cor 16:13

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#5. "And the things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, these entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. (2 Tim 2:2)



Pistois Anthropois = Faithful people!

We have a <u>MISSION</u>
Beyond just being good people!

First reach your *kids*.

Invite your neighbors. Prepare to teach New Ones

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#6. "Solemnly charge them in the presence of God not to wrangle about words, which is useless, and leads to the ruin of the hearers. (2 Tim 2:14)



Gnostics created problems!
1 Tim 6:3-6

We want to be a loving family and not fuss! 2 Tim 2:24

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#7. "Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal *The Lord knows* those who are His." (2 Tim 2:19)

