

God-Loving Grandparents

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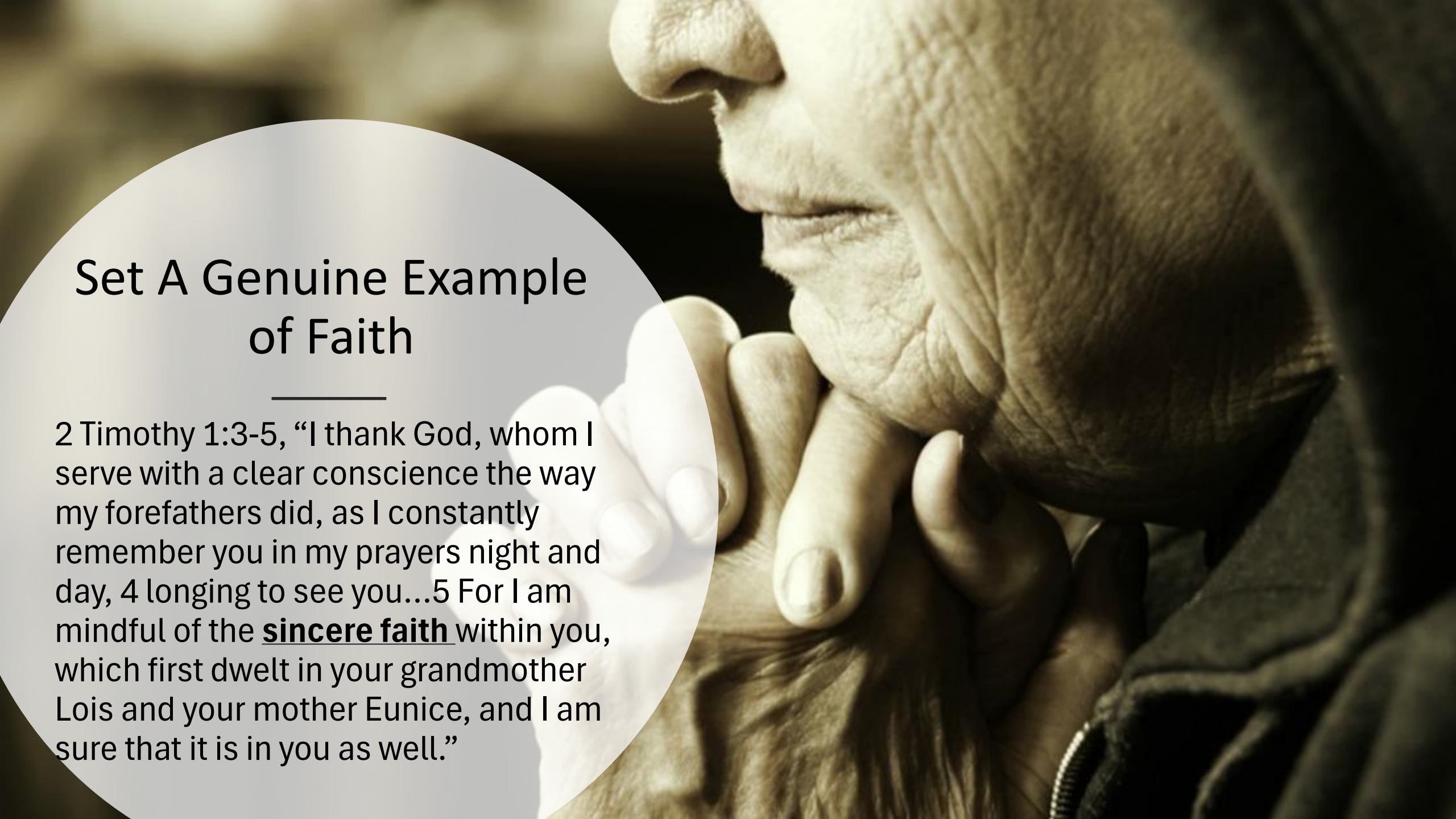
Psalm 145:4, “***One generation shall praise Your works to another, And shall declare Your mighty acts.***”

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Titus 2:2-3, “***Older men*** are to be temperate, dignified, sensible, sound in faith, in love, in perseverance. 3 ***Older women*** likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good...”

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Psalm 92:14-15, *“They will still yield fruit in old age; They shall be full of sap and very green, 15 To declare that the Lord is upright; He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.”*



Set A Genuine Example of Faith

2 Timothy 1:3-5, “I thank God, whom I serve with a clear conscience the way my forefathers did, as I constantly remember you in my prayers night and day, 4 longing to see you...5 For I am mindful of the **sincere faith** within you, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am sure that it is in you as well.”



Bless Their Grandchildren

Genesis 48:13-16, 20

Generosity



Give to Their Grandchildren

Proverbs 13:22, “A good man leaves an inheritance to his children’s children, And the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous.”



Remind Before Our “Departure”

2 Peter 1:12-15, “Therefore, I will always be ready to remind you of these things, even though you already know them, and have been established in the truth which is present with you. 13 I consider it right, as long as I am in this earthly dwelling, to stir you up by way of reminder, 14 knowing that the laying aside of my earthly dwelling is imminent, as also our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. 15 And I will also be diligent that at any time after my departure you will be able to call these things to mind” (NASB).

Realize They Are Never Too Old to Change

- Consider the story of Manasseh.
- In 2 Kings 21 and 2 Chronicles 33 we read of evil Manasseh.
- The Kings account portrays Manasseh as pure evil.
- However, the Chronicles account indicates a change occurred.
 - 33:1-10—Manasseh's evil reign.
 - 33:11-13—Manasseh is humbled and turns to God.
 - 33:14-20—Manasseh, a changed man.



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After Manasseh's trouble he...

- Becomes a praying man (33:12-13).
- Protects those he had neglected (33:14).
- Removed all false religion from his past (33:15).
- Worshipped the Lord in truth (33:16).

**you are not too old
and it is not too late**

What Does Manasseh Have To Do With Grandparents?

- Manasseh died at age 67 (2 Kings 21:1).
- His son, Amon, was an evil king who began to rule at age 22 (2 Chron 33:21).
- Thus, he was born when Manasseh was 45 years old.
- Amon was put to death in his own house by his own servants after only two years.
- Because of Amon's short reign, Josiah becomes king at age 8 (2 Chron 34:1).
- He was a good king (34:2).
- Josiah would have been born when Manasseh was 61 years old.
- Josiah spent the first six years of his life during Manasseh's years of repentance.

The lesson: Manasseh may have missed his chance with his son, Amon. But, he may have had a lasting impact on his grandson, Josiah!

Are You “Redeeming the
time?”

Ephesians 5:16,
“...*making the most
of your time,
because the days
are evil.*”

