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## **VI. Homes where the Witness of the Gospel is Continued Generation to Generation**

### **A. Defining the Concept:**

The matter and importance of witness has often been mentioned in our work. In this case we want to stress how the truth should be passed from generation to generation---from parents to children.

That this is an important matter is seen in the Old Testament in passages such as Deuteronomy 6. The passing of truth in a family sequence is emphatic in the book of Proverbs and there are numerous points in this direction in the New Testament. One would think it would be the easiest and most natural way for transmission of truth. But it seems not to be. Our point is not to find fault but to encourage ourselves to see that our homes honor God in the passing of truth from age to age--from one level of the family to successive levels.

### **B. The Home of Timothy**

1. We meet him in Acts 16 and learn a little of his home--a culturally mixed setting---in 16:1-3. We find him in Acts 19:22 ministering in Macedonia and reference is made to him and his faithful ministry four times in the New Testament besides the books written to him and bearing his name. He was a faithful servant and one of the more influential New Testament witnesses.
2. Of his early home we have a key reference in 2 Timothy 1:5. This is reinforced by the note in 2 Timothy 3:15....he had been exposed to the Scriptures since he was a baby!
3. Following his parental guidance he is taught by Paul how to continue this witness in 2 Timothy 2:2.