

# IT TAKES A FAMILY OF FAITH TO RAISE FAITHFUL CHILDREN

*2 Timothy 1:1-5*

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## 2 TASKS FOR RAISING SPIRITUALLY HEALTHY CHILDREN

### 1. TEACH GOD'S WORD TO THEM

**Why should we teach?**

It's your God-given task (*3:15-16; Eph. 6:4; Ps. 78:4-5*)

**What should we teach?**

God's Word (*3:15*)

**How should we teach?**

Teach with the goal of leading to faith in Christ

- a faith that trusts in Christ for salvation (*3:15*)
- a faith that will be sincere (*1:5*)
- a faith that will be alive (*1:5*)

Teach with the goal of practical application (*3:16-17*)

**When should we teach?**

From infancy (*3:15*)

At every opportunity (*Dt. 6:6-9*)

**Who should teach?**

You! (*Dt. 6:7; Josh. 4:21-23*)

### 2. PRAY TO GOD FOR THEM

**When?**

All the time, with regularity (*1:3*)

**What should I pray?**

That they'd trust in Christ for salvation (*3:15*)

That their faith would be genuine and alive (*1:5*)

That their understanding of the Bible would grow (*3:14-15*)

That they'd put into practice what they know (*3:16-17*)

That they'd experience the blessing of God's grace (*1:2*)

That they'd experience the blessing of God's mercy (*1:2*)

That they'd experience the blessing of God's peace (*1:2*)