

Mothering Sunday 2013.

Family Treasures.

2 Timothy 1: 3-7.

Family Treasures: Lois, Eunice and Timothy.

- Timothy was indebted to the Christian witness of his mother & grandmother.
- This had led to him living a life of commitment to Jesus.
- This is the best Inheritance anyone can have!
- So, let's thank God for the love & care of our mums. But let's thank Him especially for how they show us the love of Jesus and encourage us to follow Him.
- And parents: we are to love and guide our children. But the most precious gift we can give to them is the message of Jesus and the love that flows from Him, through us, to them.

Applying the scriptures:

1. Share anything precious that you have inherited from your mother. What you decide as *precious* is up to you. Share why you value it.
2. What was the precious gift that Timothy inherited from his mother & grandmother?
3. Paul encouraged Timothy to: '*Fan into flame the gift of God*'. How might he/we do this?
4. God has given us '*a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline*'. Examine each of these three characteristics: (a) what do they mean, (b) how do they change the kind of people we are, (c) what can we do to make them more apparent in our lives?
5. Share areas of need within your families, particularly ones that focus on your need/opportunities to witness Christian faith to others in your family.