

## Assignment:

Ministry Wives' SS Panels on Making Disciples of Our Children 2010, 2014

# Making Disciples of Our Young Children Arlene Still

#### Memory Passage: 2 Timothy 3:15

And that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

## introduction:

2 Timothy 1:5 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.

Who was teaching Timothy as a young child?

Moms, you have a unique and foremost opportunity to make disciples for Christ!

# Discipleship

Matthew 28:19-20—Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

- Make disciples
- Teaching them
- I am with you always

Acts 1:8—But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem . . .

Be witnesses of what we have seen and heard.

Romans 10:13-15, 17—For "Whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved." How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they hear without a preacher? How will they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news of good things!" So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

2 Timothy 2:2—The things which you have heard from me... entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

# DISCIPLER—Mom, this is you!

Matthew 5:16—Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

## 1. Light shine - Good works

Exhibiting the fruits of the Spirit:

Galatians 5:22-23—"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control . . . "

Obeying God:

John 14:15—If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.

- 2. Your Father—You are born again
- 3. Glorify—Chief end of man



# DISCIPLES—Mom, this is your child!

This ministry is not secondary. God gave your child to you to disciple.

**The Discipler:** Deuteronomy 6:5-6—You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart.

**The Disciple:** Deuteronomy 6:7-9—You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Psalm 78:5-8—... Teach them to their children, that the generation to come might know, even the children yet to be born ...

Teach them ...

### 1. The way of salvation

- a. Not just mental assent
- b. 2 Timothy 3:15

## 2. To pray

- a. From scripture
- b. By your example, 1 Thessalonians 5:17
- c. By practicing

#### 3. The Bible

- a. Bible stories
- b. God's commands
- c. About God

Romans 1:20—For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

- That He is
- That He is powerful
- That God doesn't lie
- That the Bible is God's Word; therefore, it is truthful. It is the final authority.
  - o 2 Timothy 3:16
- d. Jesus is God made flesh, the ultimate example of how humankind should live. Tell His story, and tell it often. Show your children, through the life of Christ, how they should treat the poor, the outcasts, and their enemies.

## 4. To memorize Scripture

- a. Psalm 119:105—Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
- b. Psalm 119:11—Your word I have treasured in my heart, that I may not sin against You.
- c. Example: Psalm 56:3
- d. Window of learning opportunity

"At no time in life does a human being absorb information faster than when they are a child. By age 4, a child's brain is more than twice as active as an adult's—this doesn't slow until around age 16. In all of a person's life, there is no better window of learning opportunity." Wesley Baines

- e. Ways to teach scripture
  - Games
  - Motions—Psalm 121

#### 5. To memorize the catechisms

Catechisms give the structure to the fundamentals found in God's Word.

- **6. To love church** (Hebrews 10:25)
- 7. To minister, so they can see the joy that comes from serving Jesus

How much time should I give in discipling my children?
Every day,
every moment,
every second.

# The Enemy

1 Peter 5:8—Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

Proverbs 4:23—Watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it flow the springs of life.

Issues of Life

**Attitudes** 

**Desires** 

Affections

Motives

**Pursuits** 

**Emotions** 

Words

"The eyes and ears (mind) are the gateway to the heart."

Joseph Schillero, Jr.

- Friends
- Media
- Entertainment
- Guard against anything that would take their eyes off of God

Teach your children to glorify God and enjoy him forever.

We cannot guarantee our children's outcome. So pray that the Holy Spirit would work faith in them and open their eyes.

"Now your children are in your power.

Later, you will be in their power."

Pastor Minnick