

Sunday, May 11, 2025

1 Timothy 4:13, "Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching."

Title: Three Godly Influencers

Series: Mother's Day 2025

Text: Philippians 3:17; Titus 2:7 - 8;

1Thessalonians 1:6 - 7

Purpose: I want to PERSUADE my congregation that each Believer can be used by God as a positive influencer / role model in the life of another individual.

Introduction:

~ Brief personal history; with a special emphasis on my parents.

~ Philippians 3:17, *"Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us."*

~ Titus 2:7 - 8, *"Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, (8) and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us."*

~ 1 Thessalonians 1:6 - 7, *"And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit, (7) so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia."*

1. Godly Prayer Warrior:

~ The influence of Reverend Mrs. Ruby Moore

~ The occasion as I remember the events. Her gentle response was that she would be praying that God would open my understanding and my heart (soul: mind, will, and emotions).

~ Ephesians 3:20 - 21, *"Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, (21) to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever: Amen."*

~ James 5:16b, *"The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working."*

~ Message at my ordination service by Rudy's grandson, Jim.

2. Godly Scripture Encourager:

~ The influence of Mrs. Greta Sheppard

~ Crescent Beach Bible Camp

~ 1 John 4:4, *"Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is the world."*

~ Ephesians 6:13 - 18, *"Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. (14) Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, (15) and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. (16) In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; (17) and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, (18) praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,"*

~ The result...never plagued by those faces again!

3. Godly Example of a Patient Supporter:

~ The influence of Sister McPhail

~ Lindsay, Ontario

~ Her husband had pastored the congregation for a number of years. There had been at least 1 other pastor between Rev. McPhail and myself.

~ Galatians 6:9, *"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."*

~ 2 Thessalonians 3:13, *"As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good."*

~ James 5:7 - 8, *"Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. (8) You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand."*

~ Result: Ephesians 2:10, *"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."* and 1 Corinthians 4:2, *"Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful."*

Conclusion:

Recognizing influential Bible characters that have been significant in your life can provide valuable insights, as can remembering individuals who have impacted your life with their godly qualities. (1 Thessalonians 5:9 - 12)