Bible Loving Homes
2 Tim. 3:14-17

Introduction:
A. Timothy grew up in a Bible loving home.
   1. Taught by a Bible loving mother and grandmother.
   2. Produced a genuine faith that drove and sustained Timothy.
B. Bible loving homes are the prime producers Bible believing spiritual leaders.
   1. Where primary responsibility lies (Eph. 6:4; Deut. 6:6-7)
   2. Where results is the greatest (v. 15; cf. 2 Tim. 1:5; Phil. 2:19-22)
C. Bible loving homes must accept this responsibility.
   1. Don’t depend on society to do it – schools, government, etc.
   2. Don’t depend on church to do it – children don’t belong to church, but parents.
   3. Don’t use failures or corruption in these as scapegoats for you failure.
D. Let us consider 3 traits of Bible loving homes.

Discussion:
I. Homes Where the Bible Is Read.
   A. Daily Bible reading a Bible sanctioned practice (Acts. 17:11; cf. Sears Catalog)
   B. Not as a ritualistic chore like “eat your liver because it is good for you”
   C. But, out of a real interest and love for God and His word.
      1. With a desire to have Bible in the heart and upon the lips (cf. Duet. 6:6-7; 11:20-21)
      2. With a real interest in knowing right from wrong, truth from error.
      3. With the thrill of discovering Bible facts and teachings.

II. Homes Where the Bible Is Respected.
   A. As God’s word (cf. 1 Thess. 2:13)
   B. As God’s answer to life’s great mysteries.
      1. Where did we come from?
      2. Why are we here?
      3. Where are we going?
   C. As God’s perfect and authoritative guide (2 Tim. 3:16-17).
      1. What it says about the church, worship, etc. – not man.
      2. What it says about home life - not man.

III. Homes Where the Bible Is Reflected.
   A. In Biblical knowledge (2 Tim. 2:15; 3:15)
   B. In Biblical interest – read, talked, discussed, searched.
   C. In Biblical out-looks on life.
      1. Dignity - know they are more than mere animals.
      2. Joy - know they are by design not fate.
      3. Realistic - know they are lost without Christ
      4. Hope - know they can be saved, not doomed. in Christ.
   D. In Biblical priorities (Matt. 6:33)
   E. In Biblical behavior
      1. Like humans - not animals.
      2. To please God and serve others - open homes (2 Pet. 4:9; Tit. 1:8)

Conclusion:
A. Let the world scoff at the Bible – let us live it.
B. Let the homes of the world do their things - let our homes do Bible things.