

Title: **"FROM CHILDHOOD YOU HAVE KNOWN THE SCRIPTURES"**

Text: **2 Timothy 3:14-17; 2 Timothy 1:5; Acts 16**

**(I) THE PLASTIC YEARS**

**1. A Clear Example: Timothy**

- a) Learning from "childhood" (literally "from infancy") (**2 Timothy 3:15a**)
- b) Children are capable of learning about God

**2. Important Influences**

- a) Grandmother Lois (**2 Timothy 1:5**)
- b) Mother Eunice (**2 Timothy 1:5**)
- c) Influence of faith
- d) Impacted by faith

**(II) THE GROWING UP YEARS**

**1. He had become a disciple (Acts 16:1)**

**2. He was well-spoken of (Acts 16:2)**

**3. He was spotted by Paul and taken under his wings (Acts 16:2)**

**4. He became known as one of Paul's spiritual son (1 Timothy 1:2)**

### **(III) HONOURED AS AN OUTSTANDING SERVANT OF GOD**

- 1. Acknowledged as “a fellow worker” of Paul (Romans 16:21)**
- 2. Described as “a beloved and faithful son” (1 Corinthians 4:17)**
- 3. Closely associated with Paul as “bondservants” (Philippians 1:1)**
- 4. Honoured as one truly “like-minded” (Philippians 2:20a)**
- 5. Deep and true sincerity (Philippians 2:20)**
- 6. Proven character (Philippians 2:22)**

### **(IV) OUR CHALLENGE**

#### **1. As Parents**

To bring up our children well- to help them become outstanding servants of Christ

#### **2. As Sunday School Teachers/Pastors**

To lend good influence- helping to mould them in the Lord

#### **3. As a Church**

To provide a good and healthy environment to grow up in