

e. Colossians 3:23-24

f. 1 Peter 4:10

4. Why is it so important that we check our heart motives when serving God? What things can we end up serving if we aren't careful to check our motives?

a. Are there any areas of impure motives in your service you need to confess?

Day 2 A Clear Conscience

I thank God, whom I serve with a clear conscience the way my forefathers did, as I constantly remember you in my prayers night and day,

1. What is a clear conscience?
 - a. Why is a clear conscience so important?
 - b. How does one keep a clear conscience?
 - c. Doing a word study (Literal Word App, Bible concordance) or from your knowledge of Scripture, what does God's Word say about the conscience?

d. Do you have a clear conscience? If not, what must you do?

e. What things can you do to develop a conscience?

f. Is the conscience infallible?

2. Who are Paul's forefathers? Why do you think he mentions them?

Day 3 The Heart of Paul

I thank God, whom I serve with a clear conscience the way my forefathers did, as I constantly remember you in my prayers night and day, longing to see you, even as I recall your tears, so that I may be filled with joy

1. How are the principles of 1 Thess. 5:16-18 demonstrated here?
2. Find at least two other verses where Paul speaks of the frequency of his prayers for others.
3. Can you find other verses in Scripture where Paul is longing to see God's people?
4. Emotions are a gift from God, but they can be expressed in sinful ways, especially when we allow them to rule us. What can we learn about the proper role of emotions from verse four?

5. Timothy was a dear friend of Paul. Are close friendships important for a believer to have? Why or why not? Use Scripture to support your answer.

6. What tears is Paul referring to here? Why would Timothy have been crying?

7. How would Paul seeing Timothy encouraged him as he faced death?

Day 4 The Maternal Impact – Part 1

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.

1. What does it mean to have a sincere faith?

2. What is the opposite of a sincere faith?

3. Does the generational effect of faith in these verses encourage you?

a. Was there someone in your family whose faith was instrumental in you coming to faith? Have you ever thanked them for their faithful witness?

b. Have you considered that you are an example to those you are younger than you? Not only in your own family, but in our church family as well?

c. How might an acknowledgement of our witness to others influence how we speak to and act with those who are younger in the faith?

4. If you are a mom of little ones (or bigger ones too!), does this verse help you to more clearly see the importance of your role in the home?

5. What mother in Scripture has been an encouragement to you?

Day 5 The Maternal Impact – Part 2

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.

1. If you are a mother, what is your primary roll? See 2 Timothy 3:15.

2. If you are single or the “older woman”, how do you seek to serve the mothers and children in your life?

