

# THE TEST OF TIME

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My brothers and I grew up at the end of the Depression and during WW2.

We did not have much money as a family and relied on hand-me-downs, which stood the test of time.

A remarkable inheritance was our four-wheel bicycle.

The tyres wore out periodically and were replaced, punctures were mended and new globes installed for the lights which were generated by an attachment on the front wheel.

A bit of paint was used to rub out scratches on the frame, which stood firm for many years of riding.

I have many books stored in my study, covered, a bit faded but still readable, and they will last the test of my lifetime.

Even an old Bible, awarded as a school prize, much used and very precious.

In Timothy, we have these wise words which have stood the test of time from this very Bible. Paul writes to Timothy thus:

*"Follow the pattern of the sound words which you have heard from men of faith and love which are in Christ Jesus, guard the truth which has been entrusted to you by the Holy Spirit who dwells within us."*

2 Timothy 1:13,14

## Reflection:

Identify someone who in your life has influenced your faith.

Give thanks for his or her example.

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