



## Read 1 Timothy 5:1,2

1. These verses remind us of the respect we are to show to the men and women of the church. Using your own words, record how each are to be treated:

*Older men*

*Younger men*

*Older women*

*Younger women*

2. Consider the following verses and explain how they give understanding to Paul's instructions to Timothy.

Galatians 6:1

1 Peter 5:5

Matthew 12:46-50

3. How would obedience to honoring one another as specified in 1 Timothy 5:1,2 affect the church?

## Read 1 Timothy 5:3-10

1. This section of our lesson addresses *widows*. It speaks of the responsibility of the *widow*, the family of the *widow*, and the church. What is the responsibility of the:

*widow* (verses 4,5,6,7,9,10)

family of the *widow* (verse 8,16)

church (verses 3, 9, 16)

2. Note and define the word *honor* as it is used in verse 3.
3. After reading these verses, what do you think Paul would have Timothy and the church understand about caring for *widows*?
4. Lest we consider these verses harsh, refresh your memory regarding God's heart for the *widow* using the following verses: (Note: there are 93 verses in the Bible commanding that *widows* not be neglected.)

Deuteronomy 10:18

Psalm 146:9

Malachi 3:5

James 1:27

a. What is your impression of God's heart for the *widow*?

1.) In what practical ways can you reflect His heart?

### **Read 1 Timothy 5:11-15**

1. Paul had some additional advice regarding *younger widows*. Using verses 11-13, list his concerns.

2. Note the phrase, *desire to marry*, in verse 11. Paul was not condemning *young widows* for desiring marriage, but rather the shift of focus from the Lord and the compromising that can occur when *marriage* becomes a priority. Explain Paul's concerns as you would to a *young widow*.

3. Define the word *idle* as it is used in verse 13.

a. Ponder this word as it relates to your own life. What warnings do you need to heed?

4. Rather than become responsibilities of the church, what does verse 14 call *young widows* to do?

- a. Consider Paul's declaration about marriage and singleness in 1 Corinthians 7:32,33. Although Paul encouraged *young widows* to marry in 1 Timothy, what is your understanding of his desire for their priorities?

5. Record the last phrase of 1 Timothy 5:15.

- a. What advantages might the enemy, Satan, gain from the behaviors mentioned in 1 Timothy 5:11-13?

1.) It would be easy to view verse 15 as a new thought. Yet, it continues the last thought of verse 14. What are some ways a *young widow* could *turn aside after Satan*?

2.) This is not a statement about those who would deceive the church, but a statement about *young widows* who have been drawn away from godly living. Most would be offended if they were confronted with this possibility. How would you come alongside a young widow and warn her?

### **Read 1 Timothy 5:16**

1. The 1 Timothy 5:16 admonition to family and the church was included in Question #1 in 1 Timothy 5:3-10. Using synonyms, define the word *relieve*.

- a. List some antonyms of the word *relieve*.

2. What are some practical ways believers can *relieve* a *widow*?
3. In what ways is verse 16 a good summary statement regarding the responsibilities we have toward *widows*?

### **Review 1 Timothy 5:1-16**

1. In what ways were you personally challenged by this lesson?
2. Paul was not only concerned about the *widows* being cared for; he was concerned about their witness. In what way might our sins and good deeds precede us and follow us in life?

*in all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works;  
in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility,  
- Titus 2:7*