

## 1 Tim 5:1-16

Do not sharply rebuke an older man, but *rather* appeal to *him* as a father, *to* the younger men as brothers, <sup>2</sup> the older women as mothers, *and* the younger women as sisters, in all purity.

<sup>3</sup> Honor widows who are widows indeed; <sup>4</sup> but if any widow has children or grandchildren, they must first learn to practice piety in regard to their own family and to make some return to their parents; for this is acceptable in the sight of God. <sup>5</sup> Now she who is a widow indeed and who has been left alone, has fixed her hope on God and continues in entreaties and prayers night and day. <sup>6</sup> But she who gives herself to wanton pleasure is dead even while she lives. <sup>7</sup> Prescribe these things as well, so that they may be above reproach. <sup>8</sup> But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. <sup>9</sup> A widow is to be put on the list only if she is not less than sixty years old, *having been* the wife of one man, <sup>10</sup> having a reputation for good works; *and* if she has brought up children, if she has shown hospitality to strangers, if she has washed the saints' feet, if she has assisted those in distress, *and* if she has devoted herself to every good work. <sup>11</sup> But refuse *to put* younger widows *on the list*, for when they feel sensual desires in disregard of Christ, they want to get married, <sup>12</sup> *thus* incurring condemnation, because they have set aside their previous pledge. <sup>13</sup> At the same time they also learn *to be* idle, as they go around from house to house; and not merely idle, but also gossips and busybodies, talking about things not proper *to mention*. <sup>14</sup> Therefore, I want younger *widows* to get married, bear children, keep house, *and* give the enemy no occasion for reproach; <sup>15</sup> for some have already turned aside to follow Satan. <sup>16</sup> If any woman who is a believer has *dependent* widows, she must assist them and the church must not be burdened, so that it may assist those who are widows indeed.

# Helping Those in the Church

In this chapter Paul addresses three major sections that deals with those in the church.

1. How to correct members (1-2)
2. Helping destitute widows (3-16)
3. Correcting Elders (17-20)

### There is a series of "Do Nots"

- Do not neglect the spiritual gift in you (4:14)
- Do not rebuke an older man (5:1)
- Do not receive accusation against elder by one person (5:19)
- Do not lay hands upon anyone hastily (5:21)

### A. Correcting Members (1-2): This follows the section about not despising Timothy's age

1. Four classes are identified
  2. Paul is not rejecting the idea of correction (2 Tim 4:2; Gal 6:1; Jas 5:19-20)
  3. It is the \_\_\_\_\_ in which this is done - NAS states "sharply rebuke"
- Kindness, gentleness, thoughtfulness and love are the key
  - Mt 7:12

### B. Helping Destitute Widows (3-16)

1. There are a variety of widows described here
  - Young widows: (14)
  - Widows with family: (4, 8, 16)
  - Widows who are not spiritual: (6)
  - Widows "indeed"/ "truly widows" - ESV
    - the widows "indeed" were put on a list/enrolled (9)
    - the thought is that the church would financially help these widows ("Honor" - 3 like v. 17 carries a financial connection (16))
2. The widow indeed: has no family (5), past 60 (9), demonstrated a righteous life (10)

There is a pattern showing who can be helped by the collective money:

- ▶ Acts 11:27-30
- ▶ Rom 11:26
- ▶ 1 Cor 16:1-2

What about those who are not Christians?

Giving the enemy reason for reproach means what? (14)

Knowing that God expects us to take care of family teaches me what lessons?