

Advice About Widows, Elders and Slaves – 1 Timothy 5:1-25

Topics:

Caring, Children, Church, Culture, Drinking, Family, Favoritism, God, Gossip, Help, Holiness, Husbands, Jesus Christ, Life-style, Marriage, Ministry, Neglect, Parents, Pastors, Resources, Satan, Serving, Singleness, Teaching, Temptation, World

Open It Questions

A. What groups of people are treated with special favor in our society today?

B. Whose responsibility is it to care for the needy?

C. How much money do you think a pastor should make? Why?

D. What adjectives would you use to describe our society's morality?

Explore It Questions

1. How should believers treat older men, younger men, older women, and younger women? (5:1-2)

2. To whom did Paul tell Timothy to give proper recognition? (5:3)

3. What should the children and grandchildren of a widow do? (5:4)

4. What does the widow who is really in need and left alone do? (5:5)

5. What is true about the widow who lives for pleasure? (5:6)

6. Why did Paul tell Timothy to give these instructions? (5:7)

7. Why is it important to provide for your family? (5:8)

8. When should the church go out of its way to care for widows? (5:9-10)

9. Why should younger widows not be put on the "list of widows"? (5:11)

10. How do younger widows bring judgment upon themselves?
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11. To what habits may younger widows fall prey? (5:13)

12. What was Paul's advice to younger widows? (5:14)

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14. Why did Paul encourage Christian women to care for the
widows in their families? (5:16)

15. Of what is the elder who directs the affairs of the church worthy? (5:17)

16. Why should elders be paid? (5:18)

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20. What did Paul encourage Timothy to do and not to do?
(5:22)

21. Why did Paul encourage Timothy to use a little wine?
(5:23)

22. What is the impact of a person's sins and good deeds?
(5:24-25)

Get It Questions

23. How should we treat fellow Christians?

24. What plan does your church have for caring for the needs
of the widows in your church?

25. What sort of people besides widows are tempted to misuse their idle time?

26. What does it mean to care properly for needy family members?

27. Which of your family members need your active care?

28. Are the pastors in your church properly provided for?

29. How do you think a pastor's salary should be determined? Why?

30. When and how have you learned from the mistakes of others?

31. In what negative ways does favoritism affect how we treat others?

32. How can we keep ourselves pure in a society that does not support God's ideals?

33. In what way might our sins and good deeds precede us and follow us in life?

Apply It Questions

34. In what area of your life do you need to depend on God to help you keep yourself pure?

35. How can you assist your church in the care of widows or others in need?

36. In what specific ways do you need to treat older men, younger men, older women, or younger women?

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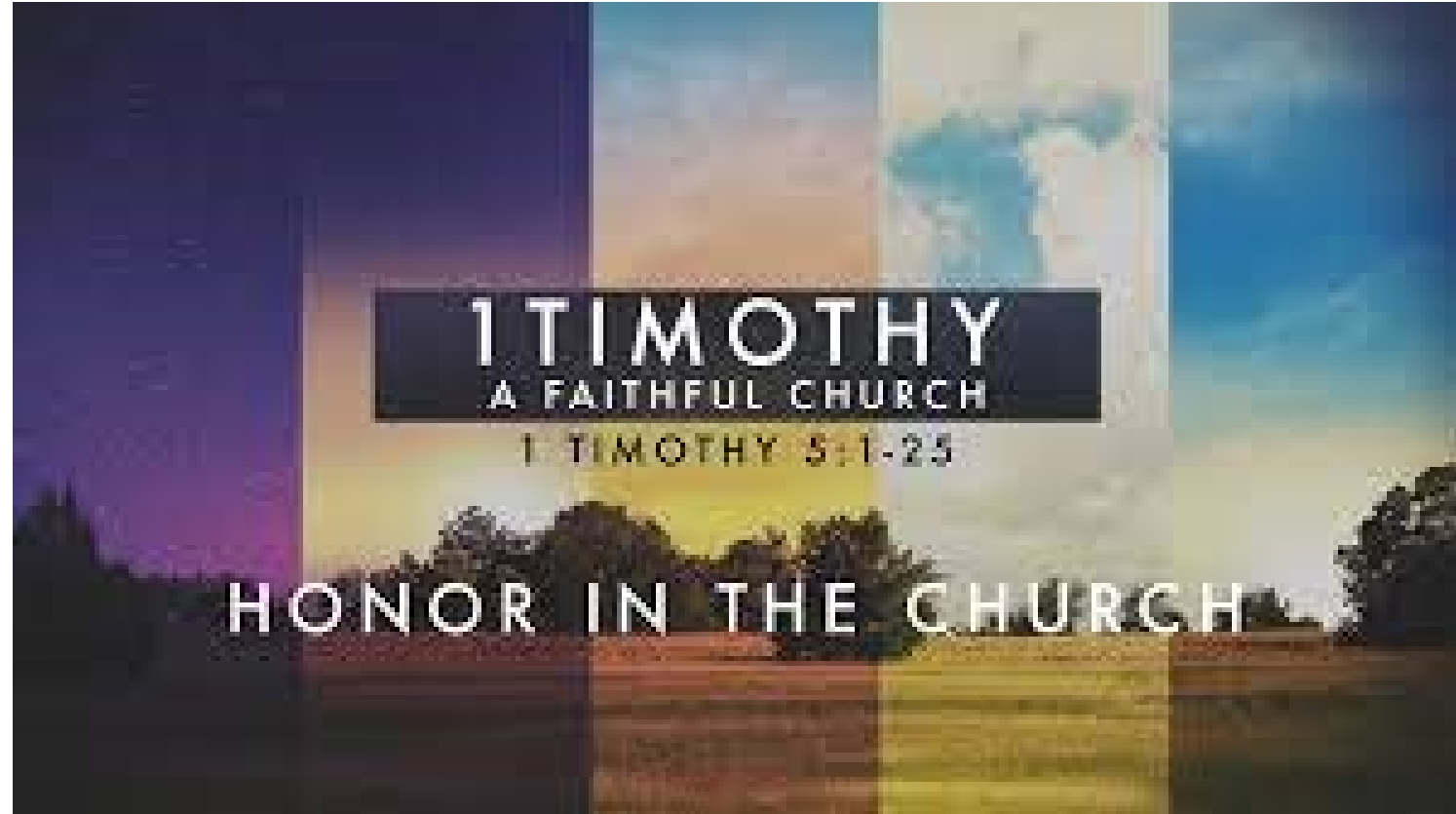
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Study to show yourself approved... (2 Tim. 2:15)

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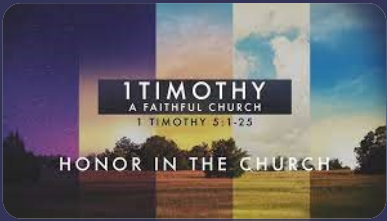
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1 TIMOTHY 3:1-23

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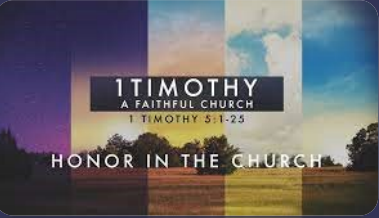
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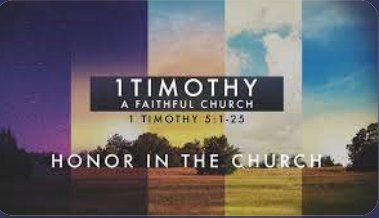
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B. Whose responsibility is it to care for the needy?

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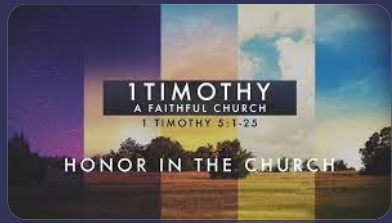
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D. What adjectives would you use to describe our society's morality?

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INTRODUCTION

Paul thought of Timothy's audience in Ephesus. There, men and women of all ages were under Timothy's care. Paul thought of the groups within the congregation needing special attention. He wanted Timothy to practice good general principles of personal care and also to deal with some specific people-needs. Paul chose the treatment of widows and elders as prime examples. He also had some instructions concerning servants who were believers.



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**SCRIPTURES AND
EXPLORE IT QUESTIONS**

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SCRIPTURE
1 TIMOTHY
5:1-4
(NLT)

¹Never speak harshly to an older man, but appeal to him respectfully as you would to your own father. Talk to younger men as you would to your own brothers. ²Treat older women as you would your mother and treat younger women with all purity as you would your own sisters. ³Take care of any widow who has no one else to care for her. ⁴But if she has children or grandchildren, their first responsibility is to show godliness at home and repay their parents by taking care of them. This is something that pleases God.

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2. To whom did Paul tell Timothy to give proper recognition? (5:3)

³ Take care of any widow who has no one else to care for her.

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3. What should the children and grandchildren of a widow do? ([5:4](#))

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SCRIPTURE
1 TIMOTHY
5:5-8
(NLT)

⁵ Now a true widow, a woman who is truly alone in this world, has placed her hope in God. She prays night and day, asking God for his help. ⁶ But the widow who lives only for pleasure is spiritually dead even while she lives. ⁷ Give these instructions to the church so that no one will be open to criticism. ⁸ But those who won't care for their relatives, especially those in their own household, have denied the true faith. Such people are worse than unbelievers.

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4. What does the widow who is really in need and left alone do? ([5:5](#))

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5. What is true about the widow who lives for pleasure? ([5:6](#))

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6. Why did Paul tell Timothy to give these instructions? ([5:7](#))

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7. Why is it important to provide for your family? ([5:8](#))

⁸ But those who won't care for their relatives, especially those in their own household, have denied the true faith. Such people are worse than unbelievers.

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SCRIPTURE
1 TIMOTHY
5:9-10
(NLT)

⁹ A widow who is put on the list for support must be a woman who is at least sixty years old and was faithful to her husband. ¹⁰ She must be well respected by everyone because of the good she has done. Has she brought up her children well? Has she been kind to strangers and served other believers humbly? Has she helped those who are in trouble? Has she always been ready to do good?

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8. When should the church go out of its way to care for widows? ([5:9-10](#))

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SCRIPTURE
1 Timothy
5:11-13
(NLT)

¹¹ The younger widows should not be on the list, because their physical desires will overpower their devotion to Christ, and they will want to remarry.

¹² Then they would be guilty of breaking their previous pledge.

¹³ And if they are on the list, they will learn to be lazy and will spend their time gossiping from house to house, meddling in other people's business and talking about things they shouldn't.

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10. How do younger widows bring judgment upon themselves?
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11. To what habits may younger widows fall prey? ([5:13](#))

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SCRIPTURE
1 Timothy
5:14-16
(NLT)

¹⁴ So I advise these younger widows to marry again, have children, and take care of their own homes. Then the enemy will not be able to say anything against them.

¹⁵ For I am afraid that some of them have already gone astray and now follow Satan.

¹⁶ If a woman who is a believer has relatives who are widows, she must take care of them and not put the responsibility on the church. Then the church can care for the widows who are truly alone.

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13. What had some of the younger widows already done? ([5:15](#))

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14. Why did Paul encourage Christian women to care for the widows in their families? ([5:16](#))

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SCRIPTURE
1 Timothy
5:17-20
(NLT)

¹⁷ Elders who do their work well should be respected and paid well, especially those who work hard at both preaching and teaching.

¹⁸ For the Scripture says, “You must not muzzle an ox to keep it from eating as it treads out the grain.” And in another place, “Those who work deserve their pay!”

¹⁹ Do not listen to an accusation against an elder unless it is confirmed by two or three witnesses.

²⁰ Those who sin should be reprimanded in front of the whole church; this will serve as a strong warning to others.

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- 15. Of what is the elder who directs the affairs of the church worthy? [\(5:17\)](#)**

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16. Why should elders be paid? ([5:18](#))

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17. How should accusations against an elder be handled? ([5:19](#))

¹⁹ Do not listen to an accusation against an elder unless it is confirmed by two or three witnesses.

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18. Why should those who sin be rebuked publicly? ([5:20](#))

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SCRIPTURE
1 Timothy
5:21-25
(NLT)

²¹ I solemnly command you in the presence of God and Christ Jesus and the highest angels to obey these instructions without taking sides or showing favoritism to anyone. ²² Never be in a hurry about appointing a church leader. Do not share in the sins of others. Keep yourself pure. ²³ Don't drink only water. You ought to drink a little wine for the sake of your stomach because you are sick so often. ²⁴ Remember, the sins of some people are obvious, leading them to certain judgment. But there are others whose sins will not be revealed until later. ²⁵ In the same way, the good deeds of some people are obvious. And the good deeds done in secret will someday come to light.

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19. How did Paul encourage Timothy to keep these instructions? ([5:21](#))

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20. What did Paul encourage Timothy to do and not to do? ([5:22](#))

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**21. Why did Paul encourage Timothy to use a little wine?
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22. What is the impact of a person's sins and good deeds? ([5:24-25](#))

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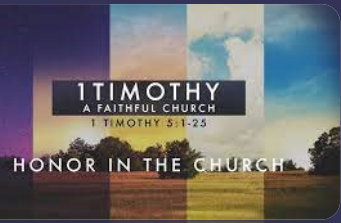
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GET IT
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#23 THROUGH #33
(See participant handout)

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**APPLY IT
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**#34 THROUGH #36
(See participant handout)**

1 Timothy 6:1-10

For the Love
of Money is
a Root of
all sorts
of Evil



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