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1 Timothy

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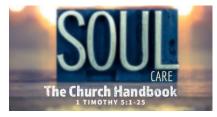
Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible Current Book: *1 Timothy – verse by verse*

Scriptures for Today: 1 Timothy 5:1-25 – caring for souls in God's church; a ministry handbook

Today's Message:

"The Church Handbook"

INTRODUCTION



Last week, the Spirit gave a clear warning of satanic seduction. We must keep preaching the word of God while practicing what we preach! We must be examples of the believers in all aspects of our lives. Today, we arrive at a very practical chapter for God's church. Now God cares about <u>SOULS</u>. And He cares about how His church cares for them. You may have heard the Bible called God's "<u>OWNER</u> *manual*" for how to get to heaven and live for God's glory while you wait. This letter to Timothy, and specifically this chapter, is like a perfect, ministry *handbook* to <u>GUIDE</u> us in the care of God's flock.

LEARNING TOGETHER

A. The Text 1 Timothy 5:1-25

#1. The Family – believers are to treat each other as a loving FAMILY. (1-2)

CHURCH FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS

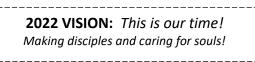
- ✓ Elder men as a **FATHER**. REBUKE NOT an elder... as a FATHER... Lev 19:32; Pr 16:31
- ✓ Younger men as a **BROTHER**. ... as BRETHREN... Lk 8:21; Heb 2:12-13
- ✓ Elder women as a MOTHER. ... as MOTHERS... Mk 3:34; Jn 19:26-27
- ✓ Younger women as a <u>SISTER</u>. ... as SISTERS, with all PURITY. Lev 18:6; 2Sam 13:12

NOTE This should make sense to us. Our relationships in the family of God should be respectful, honorable, and most of all BIBLICAL in CHARITY and PURITY!

#2. The Widows – the church is to take <u>SPECIAL</u> care for widows indeed. (3-16)

HONOUR WIDOWS INDEED Ex 22:22-24; Deut 10:18; 24:17-21; Job 22:9; 24:21; Ps 68:5 146:9; Pr 15:25; Isa 1:17, 23; <u>Jer 49:11</u>; Mt 23:14; Mk 12:40-44

- ✓ The **FIRST** line of care <u>and</u> FINANCIAL support immediate **FAMILY** and relatives
 - Let them <u>learn</u> FIRST to shew PIETY at home, and to REQUITE <u>their parents</u>:
 - PIETY **W1828** Reverence of parents or friends, accompanied with affection and devotion to their honor and happiness.
 - For that is <u>good</u> and <u>acceptable</u> BEFORE GOD. **Ex 20:12; Deut 5:16; Eph 6:2**
 - But if any PROVIDE NOT FOR HIS OWN... HIS OWN HOUSE... Mk 7:10-13



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Desolate

She trusts in God; she has no family to care for and support her. She is *happier* to remain a widow than to remarry.

- ✓ The **SECOND** line of *potential* financial support the church if the widow *qualifies*.
 - A widow **indeed**
 - <u>Desolate</u>, <u>trusteth in God</u>, and <u>continueth in supplications and prayers</u> night and day
 In the NT, Anna is a good example. *Lk 2:36-37; 1Cor 7:40*
 - A widow <u>not</u> indeed
 - BUT she that liveth in pleasure is DEAD <u>while she liveth</u>. (Context: opposite of previous)

✓ QUALIFICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION (For family and widow to be <u>BLAMELESS</u>)

- 1) She is to be a minimum age of 60.
- 2) She must have been a devoted wife to her husband. Lk 2:36-37
- 3) She must have a good **<u>TESTIMONY</u>**. Well reported of for good works
 - If she have brought up children... (Her own or others context is she did well)
 - If she have lodged strangers... (Known for hospitality)
 - If she have washed the saints feet... If she have relieved the afflicted... (Caring ministry)
 - If she have diligently followed every good work... (Faithful/fruitful in good works)

✓ GUIDELINES FOR <u>REFUSING</u> CONSIDERATION

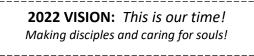
- 1) Under the age of 60 the "younger <u>widows</u>" and "younger <u>women</u>"
- 2) The RECOMMENDATION for the younger widows:
 - Marry, bear children, guide the house... (Recommends remarriage; 1Cor 7:2, 28, 39-40)
 - Give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully. 2Cor 11:1-4; 1Pet 5:8
- 3) The **DANGER** for the younger widows:
 - They will begin to wax wanton against Christ... (Not eternal damnation; 1Cor 11:29)
 - They will marry... their first faith. (Not saving faith; pledge to church; Mt 5:37; Jas 5:12)
 - They will learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house... **2Tim 3:6; 2Ths 3:7-11**
 - They will be tattlers also and busybodies, speaking thing which they ought not. **1Pet 4:15**
 - For some are already turned aside after Satan. (The father of lies and gossip; Jn 8:44)

NOTE God's church MUST always <u>care</u> for widows! Vs16 is *motive* for <u>financial</u> care.

#3. The Elders – church leaders have a high calling and STANDARDS. (17-25)

CHURCH LEADERSHIP GUIDELINES & CONDUCT

- ✓ Pastors that *rule well* deserve twice the honor a man *should* receive. *Deut 25:4*
- ✓ For Pastors that *labour in the word and doctrine*, this is *especially* true. *Lk* 10:7
- ✓ The Scriptures are the <u>AUTHORITY</u> for this truth. 1Cor 9:1-14
- ✓ A Pastor that sins against God is to be REBUKED *openly* (church privately). *Mt* 18:17
- ✓ Pastoral <u>RUMORS</u> must be confirmed by 2/3 witnesses <u>and confronted</u>. *Mt* 18:15-17
- ✓ These things are to be *observed* without PREFERENCE or PARTIALITY! *Lev* 19:15-18
- ✓ A Pastor should <u>not</u> be **ordained** in a HURRY or risk partaking of his sins. **1Tim 3:6**
- ✓ A little wine was given as *a prescription for medicinal purposes* for often infirmities.
- ✓ <u>Some</u> men's sins are <u>OPEN</u> BEFOREHAND... <u>some</u>...FOLLOW AFTER. Ecc12:14; Rom2:16
- ✓ The GOOD WORKS of <u>some</u> are MANIFEST... <u>otherwise</u> cannot be hidden! **1Cor 3:13**



In other passages, it means condemnation. Context: younger widows may have asked church for

support then remarried.

Damnation

What has God revealed to you today about your own life? *Repent if needed*.

Question?