

## Church Life: Navigating Relationships

### 1 Timothy 5:1-10

#### Introduction:

Metaphors and analogies are used many times in the Bible to describe the Church:

- 1 Peter 2:9 - A Holy \_\_\_\_\_
- Revelation 5:10 - A \_\_\_\_\_
- 1 Peter 2:5, 9 - A \_\_\_\_\_
- John 15:5 - The \_\_\_\_\_
- Ephesians 2:20-22 - The \_\_\_\_\_
- 1 Corinthians 12:12 - A \_\_\_\_\_
- Hebrews 12:23 - An \_\_\_\_\_
- 1 Peter 5:2-3 - A \_\_\_\_\_
- Ephesians 2:19; 3:15; Galatians 6:10 - A \_\_\_\_\_

Every congregation is composed of all different types of people because every person is unique. The basic principle of a Church that cares about people is diversity. Every congregation, whether large or small, must become a place where each person is treated and cared for as an individual.

When \_\_\_\_\_ is Needed, We Confront in \_\_\_\_\_. (5:1a)

- Sharply Rebuke - *epeilessos* (harsh or violent rebuke)
- Appeal - *Parakletos* (to encourage; admonish; entreat; coming alongside one who is weak.

➤ How to confront older \_\_\_\_\_. (5:1b)

-As \_\_\_\_\_

➤ How to confront \_\_\_\_\_ men. (5:1c)

-As \_\_\_\_\_

➤ How to \_\_\_\_\_ older women (5:2a)

-As \_\_\_\_\_

➤ How to confront younger \_\_\_\_\_ (5:2b)

-As \_\_\_\_\_

The Bible is clear that the \_\_\_\_\_ of younger women is to be protected.

★ Avoid the \_\_\_\_\_ - Proverbs 6:25; Job 31:1

★ Avoid the \_\_\_\_\_ - Proverbs 5:3

★ Avoid the \_\_\_\_\_ - Proverbs 6:25

★ Avoid the \_\_\_\_\_ - Proverbs 7:7-12

★ Avoid the \_\_\_\_\_ - Proverbs 7:25-27

★ Avoid the \_\_\_\_\_ - Proverbs 7:13

**Conclusion:**

The Christian community treats its older men and women with firm and tender exhortations as fathers and mothers. It exhorts and trains its younger folks as brothers and sisters - and the Pastor Timothy is reminded that the relationships with these young sisters needed special precaution for obvious reasons.