

L14: Timothy 5:1-16: Widows

Sermon Intro: Review/Summarize

- 1 Timothy 4:12-16 - Paul's exhortation to Timothy to not neglect the doctrine and the preaching and teaching of it.
 - The answer to the problems isn't to be intimidated of what others think of the Word of God, but to "give yourself wholly to them".
- Theme - teach doctrine unto godly edification
 - The pillar and ground of the truth - know how thou oughtest to behave thyself

Sermon Preview:

- **Further instances in which "the doctrine" - in which "godliness" reaches**
 - **Specific to Timothy toward those in the church**
- **The Elder Men**
 - **The Younger Men**
 - **The Elder Women**
 - **The Younger Women**
- **Widows**
 - **Widows Indeed**

Sermon:

The Elder & Younger Men

(1 Timothy 5:1) Rebuke not an elder, but intreat him as a father; and the younger men as brethren;

- **"rebuke not an elder" -**
 - **"rebuke"** - to chide; to reprove; to reprehend for a fault
 - Sharp
 - Intense
 - **"elder"** - older men, not the office of the elder
 - Another relationship of subjection
 - 1 Tim. 2:1-8 - Men under Authority
 - 1 Tim. 2:9-15 - Women under Men
 - 1 Tim. 3:1-13 - Bishops and Deacons of Assembly
 - 1 Tim. 5:1 - Younger Men to Older Men

- 1 Tim. 5:1 - Older Men to Younger Men
- **"but intreat him as a father;"**
 - **"as" - father, brethren, mothers, sisters**
 - Family
 - Romans 12
 - Matthew 12:47-50
 - Treat him as your father
 - Treat as one that has benefitted from "charge, exhort, comforted" (1 The. 2:11)
 - Doesn't neglect addressing the fault, but how you do so reflects the godly order of things
 - **"intreat"** - To make an earnest petition or request
 - So instead of just telling the older man he is wrong, you earnestly request a change
- **"and the younger men as brethren;"**
 - Treat not as you have authority over them, but as "brethren"
 - Condescend to men of "low estate" - age
 - Romans 8:29; Heb. 2:12, 17

The Elder & Younger Women

(1 Timothy 5:2) The elder women as mothers; the younger as sisters, with all purity.

- **"The elder women as mothers"**
 - One who has benefitted from "nourishment and cherished" (1 The. 2:7-8)
 - Honour father and mother
 - Romans 13
- **"the younger as sisters"**
 - **"with all purity"** - freedom from lewdness, crude and wanton behavior
 - Protection, not taking advantage

Widows

(1 Timothy 5:3) Honour widows that are widows indeed.

- **"Honour"** - to show respect or care, to support, to treat graciously
 - Financially support (Rom. 13)
- **"widows"** - a former wife who's husband has died thus deprived of the husband's

headship

- **"widows indeed"** - and deprived of the provision of her family in supply of the void left from the death of her husband
 - Daily support for daily needs

(1 Timothy 5:4)

But if any widow have children or nephews, let them learn first to shew piety at home, and to requite their parents: for that is good and acceptable before God.

- **Qualification #1 - Family first to support**
- **"but"** - before the honour is bestowed, Timothy is to evaluate
 - **"if any widow"**
 - **"have children or nephews"** - Family first to shew piety and to requite
 - **"piety"** - reverence, affection and devotion to their honor and happiness
 - **"requite"** - to repay specifically good (financial, daily need support)
 - 2 Cor. 12 - parents to lay of for children, not children for the parents
 - Here is the caveat
 - **"good and acceptable before God."**
 - Ps. 146:9; 94:4-6; Isa. 1:17, 23; James 1:27

(1 Timothy 5:5) Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusteth in God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day.

- **Qualification #2 & Widow Indeed Identification**
- The Widow Indeed
 - **"desolate"** - no husband, no family
 - Full reliance upon God
 - **"trusteth in God"** - justified
 - **"continueth in supplication and prayers night and day."** - active pursuit in godliness
 - Going to be the answer to her prayers

(1 Timothy 5:6) But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth.

- **"But she that liveth in pleasure"**
 - In contrast to trusting God
- **"is dead while she liveth."**
 - Functionally dead and honor doesn't need to be extended
 - Prompting to justification and godliness

(1 Timothy 5:7-8) And these things give in charge, that they may be blameless. But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.

- **"given in charge"** - to the widows and to the churches to the family members of the widows
 - **"that they may be blameless"**
 - Widows that live in pleasure that she is dead
 - If the family doesn't provide for their mother, for their aunt
 - If the widow is one indeed and doesn't provide for her
- The widow indeed:
 - Desolate of family
 - Trusts in God and evident
 - Doesn't live in pleasure
- **"denied the faith"**
 - The faith that produces godly love and charity relieves the widows indeed
- **"is worse than an infidel."**
 - Even the unbelievers can take care of their widows

(1 Timothy 5:9-10) Let not a widow be taken into the number under threescore years old, having been the wife of one man, Well reported of for good works; if she have brought up children, if she have lodged strangers, if she have washed the saints' feet, if she have relieved the afflicted, if she have diligently followed every good work.

- Qualification #3
- **"taken into the number"** - church support
 - **"under threescore years old"** - under 60
 - Wife of one man

- Well reported of good works:
 - Brought up children
 - Lodged strangers
 - Washed the saints' feet
 - Relieved the afflicted
 - Diligently followed every good work

(1 Timothy 5:11-13)

But the younger widows refuse: for when they have begun to wax wanton against Christ, they will marry; Having damnation, because they have cast off their first faith. And withal they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not.

- Action toward those that are not widows indeed
- **"younger widows refuse"** - under 60
 - Don't honour in regards to financially support
- **"wax wanton against Christ, they will marry"**
 - Paul instructs them to marry (:14)
 - **"cast off their first faith"** - to remain single (1 Cor. 7)
 - Pledge to be taken under the number
 - **"marry...having damnation"**
 - **"learn to be idle"** - not well reported of good works, not diligent to follow every good work
 - **"wandering about from house to house"** - don't mind their own business, gossips, maliciousness
 - **"tattlers also and busybodies"**
 - **"speaking things which they ought not."**
 - Murmuring, complaining, disturbing unity
 - Selfish

(1 Timothy 5:14) I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully. For some are already turned aside after Satan.

- Exhortation for the younger widows
 - **"marry"** - be taken care of by a husband (not the church)
 - **"bear children"** - be busy with children not gossiping
 - **"guide the house"** - bring up children and be a "help"

- **"give none occasion"** - every good work
 - **"to the adversary to speak reproachfully"** - by how they speak and act all supported by the church

(1 Timothy 5:16) If any man or woman that believeth have widows, let them relieve them, and let not the church be charged; that it may relieve them that are widows indeed.

- Final conclusion
 - Fellow family member believers relieve their widows and work alongside the church in doing so that the church may do what they are called to do and relieve the widows indeed.

Sermon Conclusion: Review/Summarize