Christ Family Church

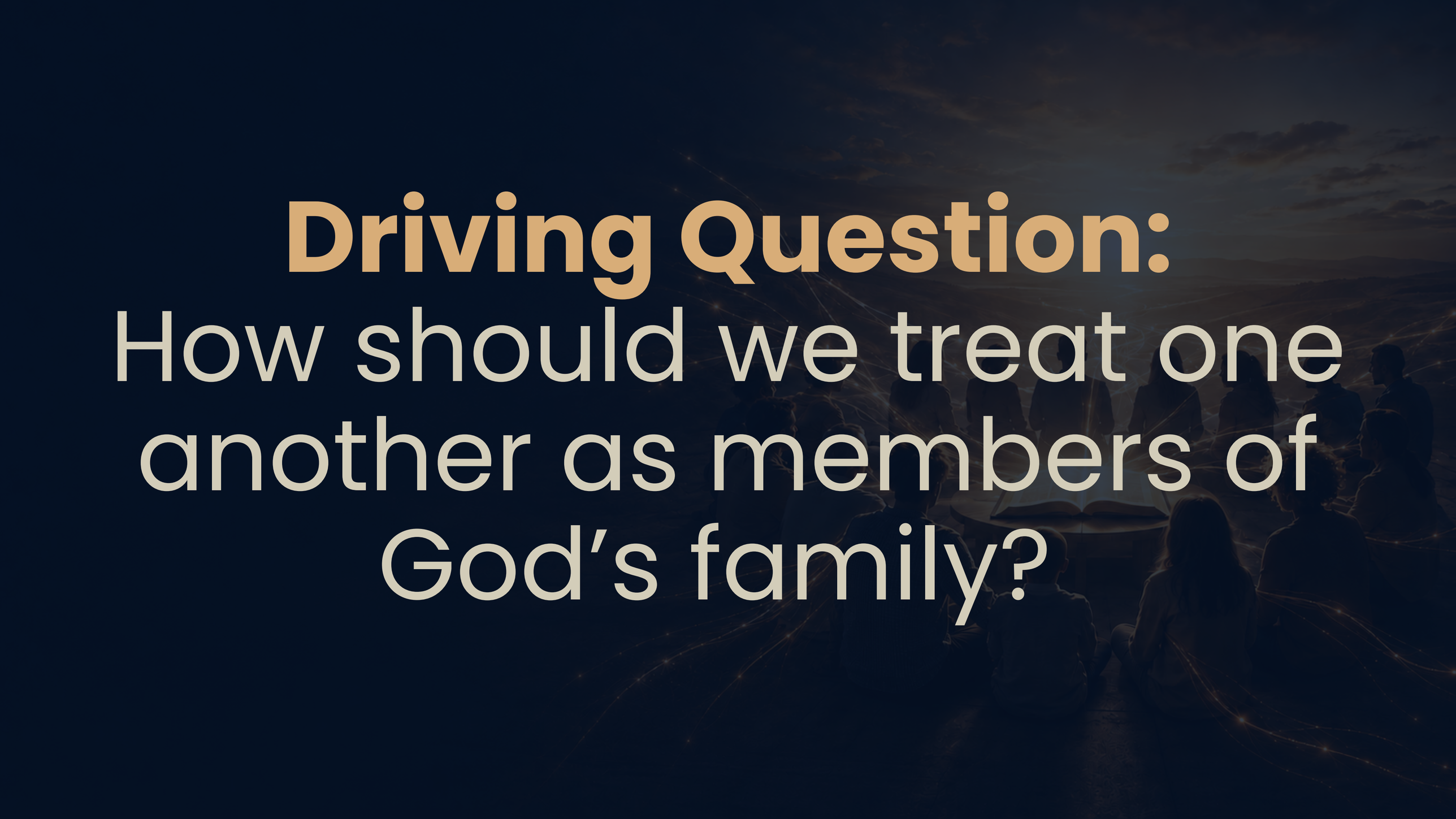
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Instructions to the Church
from the Pastoral Epistles



The Church's Ethic
1 Timothy 5:1-16
Pastor Jose Prado

[1] Do not rebuke an older man but encourage him as you would a father, younger men as brothers, [2] older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, in all purity. [3] Honor widows who are truly widows. [4] But if a widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show godliness to their own household and to make some return to their parents, for this is pleasing in the sight of God. [5] She who is truly a widow, left all alone, has set her hope on God and continues in supplications and prayers night and day, [6] but she who is self-indulgent is dead even while she lives. [7] Command these things as well, so that they may be without reproach. [8] But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.[9] Let a widow be enrolled if she is not less than sixty years of age, having been the wife of one husband, [10] and having a reputation for good works: if she has brought up children, has shown hospitality, has washed the feet of the saints, has cared for the afflicted, and has devoted herself to every good work. [11] But refuse to enroll younger widows, for when their passions draw them away from Christ, they desire to marry [12] and so incur condemnation for having abandoned their former faith. [13] Besides that, they learn to be idlers, going about from house to house, and not only idlers, but also gossips and busybodies, saying what they should not. [14] So I would have younger widows marry, bear children, manage their households, and give the adversary no occasion for slander. [15] For some have already strayed after Satan. [16] If any believing woman has relatives who are widows, let her care for them. Let the church not be burdened, so that it may care for those who are truly widows



Driving Question:
How should we treat one another as members of God’s family?

1. LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS FAMILY (vv. 1–2)

Do not rebuke an older man but encourage him as you would a father, younger men as brothers, older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, in all purity.

a. We must love one another with honor.

[1] Do not rebuke an older man but encourage him as you would a father…

b. We must love one another with affection.

…younger men as brothers, [2] older women as mothers, younger women as sisters

c. We must love one another with purity.

[2] older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, in all purity.



2. SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER AS FAMILY (vv. 3–8)

[3] Honor widows who are truly widows.

a. We must support those who are vulnerable.
“Truly widows”

b. We must support our own households.
4 But if a widow has children or grandchildren, let them first
learn to show godliness to their own household and to make
some return to their parents, for this is pleasing in the sight of
God.

c. We must support each other with spiritual encouragement.
5 She who is truly a widow, left all alone, has set her hope on
God and continues in supplications and prayers night and day,
6 but she who is self-indulgent is dead even while she lives.

3. DISCIPLE ONE ANOTHER AS FAMILY (vv. 9–16)

a. We must encourage one another toward godliness.

b. We must lovingly correct one another when we stray.

c. We must cultivate responsibility in one another.



The Christian ethic is the fruit of a life transformed by grace. The Gospel reminds us how Jesus has treated us.

- Jesus loved us when we were unlovable.
- Jesus supported us when we were helpless.
- Jesus continues to disciple us into His likeness.

Everything Paul commands us to do for one another is rooted in what Christ first did for us.