

Entrusted

A Study of 1st & 2nd Timothy

WEEK EIGHT

1 TIMOTHY 5:1-16

DAY 1

1. Begin your study time with prayer, and read 1 Timothy 5:1-16. What does verse one say you should not do?

2. In 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8, how does Paul exhort (or appeal to) the believers to conduct themselves? What should they (and we) abstain from?

3. If a believer's life does not align with the verses above, instead of a sharp rebuke, how should he or she be approached, according to 1 Timothy 5:1?

4. To whom does Paul compare the treatment of an older man, an older woman, or a younger woman, even in times of correction?

5. In verse two, what does Paul say should govern Timothy's behavior toward both older and younger women? Why is this an important character quality for a leader in the church to possess? What are potential consequences if it is absent?

6. Write out this week's memory verse on a notecard or a piece of paper, and post it somewhere you will see it often (e.g., bathroom mirror, car, desk, kitchen sink, etc.).

Scripture Memory:

“Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.”

~ James 1:27

I'm praying about:

DAY 2

1. Begin your study time with prayer, and read 1 Timothy 5:1-16. What is Paul's instruction in verse three? What are practical ways you could do this?
2. What does Paul say children must do in verse four, and what is the motivation to do so?
3. What does verse five say a widow should be occupied with?
4. Who is portrayed in Luke 2:36-38, and what does she do daily? How is she an example of what Paul commanded widows to be, and how does she challenge your own spiritual life?
5. Write out this week's memory verse below:

DAY 3

1. Begin your study time with prayer, and read 1 Timothy 5:1-16.
2. The Bible has much to say about widows. What does God forbid doing in Exodus 22:22, Deuteronomy 24:17, and Zechariah 7:10?
3. What would it look like to afflict or oppress a widow in the present day?
4. What is the consequence for those who oppress and afflict widows in Exodus 22:23-24, Deuteronomy 27:19, Job 22:9-10, and Malachi 3:5?
5. What does James 1:27 say about widows? Is there an opportunity for you to fulfill this verse?
6. Write out this week's memory verse below:

DAY 4

1. Begin your study time with prayer, and read 1 Timothy 5:1-16. Verse five states, "a widow indeed... has fixed her hope on God." Read Mark 12:41-44. What does the widow in this story do, and how does she exemplify one who has fixed her hope on God? How does her story impact you personally?
2. What promises do Deuteronomy 10:17-18, Psalm 68:5, Psalm 146:9, and Proverbs 15:25 hold for widows?
3. What did the Lord command the Israelites to do in Deuteronomy 24:18-22, and what would obeying this verse cause them to reflect on?
4. God provided for widows through the generosity of His people. Is there someone in need that you could assist? How would helping this person remind you of how the Lord rescued you in your distress?
5. Write out this week's memory verse below:

DAY 5

1. Begin your study time with prayer, and read 1 Timothy 5:1-16. What characteristics does Paul list for widows who are eligible to be on the church's list?
2. Why should younger widows not be placed on the list, according to verses eleven and twelve, and how does Paul describe potential qualities of widows who are not active in good works in verse thirteen?
3. What are "older women" called to do in Titus 2:3-5? How many of these character qualities are you walking in? Has God placed a "younger woman" in your life that you can model these qualities to?
4. What charge does he give to those who are believers in 1 Timothy 5:8 & 16?
5. Write out this week's memory verse below: