

EPISTLES FOR EVERYDAY LIVING

1 Timothy 5:1-6:2

HONORING WIDOWS

1 TIMOTHY 5:3 NET 2ND ED.

3 HONOR WIDOWS WHO ARE TRULY IN NEED.

1. The Greek word for _____ is associated with money, similar to the way that the English word "value" is associated with money.
2. Paul will give categories of _____:
 - Older widows who have relatives to support them.
 - Older God-fearing widows who have no relatives to support them.
 - Older self-indulgent widows.
 - Younger widows.
3. He also has different categories of responsible people:
 - _____.
 - _____.
 - Younger _____.

FOUR KINDS OF WIDOWS

1 TIMOTHY 5:4-6 NET 2ND ED.

4 BUT IF A WIDOW HAS CHILDREN OR GRANDCHILDREN, THEY SHOULD FIRST LEARN TO FULFILL THEIR DUTY TOWARD THEIR OWN HOUSEHOLD AND SO REPAY THEIR PARENTS WHAT IS OWED THEM. FOR THIS IS WHAT PLEASES GOD. 5 BUT THE WIDOW WHO IS TRULY IN NEED, AND COMPLETELY ON HER OWN, HAS SET HER HOPE ON GOD AND CONTINUES IN HER PLEAS AND PRAYERS NIGHT AND DAY. 6 BUT THE ONE WHO LIVES FOR PLEASURE IS DEAD EVEN WHILE SHE LIVES.

- Older faithful widows who have _____ to support them.

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WHEN PAUL WRITES OF THESE WIDOWS, HE IS NOT TALKING ABOUT THOSE WHO HAVE FAMILY TO SUPPORT THEM. THEY ARE NOT THE ONES IN NEED. THEIR FAMILY IS WHO SHOULD BE LOOKING AFTER THEM. HE USES THE TERM "WIDOW" IN THIS CONTEXT TO REFER TO WOMEN WHOSE HUSBANDS ARE DEAD AND WHO ARE UNSUPPORTED.

- Older faithful widows who have _____ to support them.
- Older _____ widows.

OLDER UNFAITHFUL WIDOWS. THEN THERE IS THE WIDOW WHO LIVES IN EXCESSIVE LUXURY. THIS IS NOT JUST ABOUT BEING FINANCIALLY SECURE; IT IS ABOUT SINFULLY LIVING FOR THE PLEASURES OF MONEY. THIS WIDOW HAS NOT RENOUNCED THE WORLD IN ORDER TO FOLLOW JESUS. SHE IS LIVING FOR HERSELF.

- _____ widows.

THESE WIDOWS ARE UNDER THE AGE OF 60.

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FAMILY

4. _____. The first group responsible for the care of widows in the widows own family.
- They must learn that being part of the household of God does not mean ignoring their family responsibilities. They are to first show godliness to their own _____.
 - This is a way to make a return to their _____. Just as parents are obligated to provide for their children, children have an obligation to care for their parents when the need arises.
 - This behavior is pleasing in the sight of _____.
 - Paul tells Timothy to command these things so that the people may be without _____.

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CHURCH

1 TIMOTHY 5:9-10 NET 2ND ED.

9 NO WIDOW SHOULD BE PUT ON THE LIST UNLESS SHE IS AT LEAST SIXTY YEARS OLD, WAS THE WIFE OF ONE HUSBAND, 10 AND HAS A REPUTATION FOR GOOD WORKS: AS ONE WHO HAS RAISED CHILDREN, PRACTICED HOSPITALITY, WASHED THE FEET OF THE SAINTS, HELPED THOSE IN DISTRESS —AS ONE WHO HAS EXHIBITED ALL KINDS OF GOOD WORKS.

5. The second group responsible for caring for widows in God's household is the _____.
- Having been the wife of _____ husband to describe a life of faithful devotion.
 - Consistent with the standards for all Christian women, a widow qualifying for church support must have a _____ for good works.
 - This testimony must be based on the fact that she has _____ to every good work.

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- Her good works can be seen in her family life, her hospitality, and her _____.

RESPONSIBILITY OF YOUNGER WIDOWS

1 TIMOTHY 5:11-16 NET 2ND ED.

11 BUT DO NOT ACCEPT YOUNGER WIDOWS ON THE LIST, BECAUSE THEIR PASSIONS MAY LEAD THEM AWAY FROM CHRIST AND THEY WILL DESIRE TO MARRY, 12 AND SO INCUR JUDGMENT FOR BREAKING THEIR FORMER PLEDGE. 13 AND BESIDES THAT, GOING AROUND FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE THEY LEARN TO BE LAZY, AND THEY ARE NOT ONLY LAZY, BUT ALSO GOSSIPS AND BUSYBODIES, TALKING ABOUT THINGS THEY SHOULD NOT. 14 SO I WANT YOUNGER WOMEN TO MARRY, RAISE CHILDREN, AND MANAGE A HOUSEHOLD, IN ORDER TO GIVE THE ADVERSARY NO OPPORTUNITY TO VILIFY US. 15 FOR SOME HAVE ALREADY WANDERED AWAY TO FOLLOW SATAN. 16 IF A BELIEVING WOMAN HAS WIDOWS IN HER FAMILY, LET HER HELP THEM. THE CHURCH SHOULD NOT BE BURDENED SO THAT IT MAY HELP THE WIDOWS WHO ARE TRULY IN NEED.

6. The third group that had the responsibility of caring for widows was the _____ widows.
7. There are two spiritual dangers to the younger widows when the church takes responsibility for them. Their _____ and their _____.
8. Christians are to _____ widows appropriately, and Christian widows are to _____ Christ appropriately.

WHO AND WHAT ARE THE ELDERS?

9. While elders are often contrasted with younger men, the New Testament emphasizes _____ "age" and character over a birth date.

IT IS PART OF GOD'S DESIGN THAT LEADERSHIP SHOULD BE CHARACTERIZED BY THE WISDOM AND STABILITY OFTEN FOUND IN THOSE WHO ARE OLDER. IN THE OLD TESTAMENT, LEADERSHIP WAS FREQUENTLY GIVEN TO "ELDERS" OF THE COMMUNITY (GENESIS 50:7; EXODUS 18:12) BECAUSE THEY WERE EXPECTED TO HAVE THE SEASONED PERSPECTIVE REQUIRED FOR JUDGMENT. HOWEVER, IN THE NEW TESTAMENT, THIS "WISDOM OF AGE" IS TRANSLATED INTO SPIRITUAL MATURITY.

10. What elders are appointed to is very straightforward in the text: they are called to _____, and provide _____ for the household of God.

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11. The office is not merely a social status for the elderly; it is a spiritual responsibility for the _____.

1 TIMOTHY 5:17-6:2 KJV 1900

17 ELDERS WHO PROVIDE EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP MUST BE COUNTED WORTHY OF DOUBLE HONOR, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO WORK HARD IN SPEAKING AND TEACHING. 18 FOR THE SCRIPTURE SAYS, "DO NOT MUZZLE AN OX WHILE IT IS TREADING OUT THE GRAIN," AND, "THE WORKER DESERVES HIS PAY." 19 DO NOT ACCEPT AN ACCUSATION AGAINST AN ELDER UNLESS IT CAN BE CONFIRMED BY TWO OR THREE WITNESSES. 20 THOSE GUILTY OF SIN MUST BE REBUKED BEFORE ALL, AS A WARNING TO THE REST. 21 BEFORE GOD AND CHRIST JESUS AND THE ELECT ANGELS, I SOLEMNLY CHARGE YOU TO CARRY OUT THESE COMMANDS WITHOUT PREJUDICE OR FAVORITISM OF ANY KIND. 22 DO NOT LAY HANDS ON ANYONE HASTILY AND SO IDENTIFY WITH THE SINS OF OTHERS. KEEP YOURSELF PURE. 23 (STOP DRINKING JUST WATER, BUT USE A LITTLE WINE FOR YOUR DIGESTION AND YOUR FREQUENT ILLNESSES.) 24 THE SINS OF SOME PEOPLE ARE OBVIOUS, GOING BEFORE THEM INTO JUDGMENT, BUT FOR OTHERS, THEY SHOW UP LATER. 25 SIMILARLY GOOD WORKS ARE ALSO OBVIOUS, AND THE ONES THAT ARE NOT CANNOT REMAIN HIDDEN.

1 THOSE WHO ARE UNDER THE YOKE AS SLAVES MUST REGARD THEIR OWN MASTERS AS DESERVING OF FULL RESPECT. THIS WILL PREVENT THE NAME OF GOD AND CHRISTIAN TEACHING FROM BEING DISCREDITED. 2 BUT THOSE WHO HAVE BELIEVING MASTERS MUST NOT SHOW THEM LESS RESPECT BECAUSE THEY ARE BROTHERS. INSTEAD THEY ARE TO SERVE ALL THE MORE, BECAUSE THOSE WHO BENEFIT FROM THEIR SERVICE ARE BELIEVERS AND DEARLY LOVED.

12. Those elders "who rule well" are to be honored. The word "rule" is better translated " _____," as it is used in 3:5 regarding a household.

13. An elder who is "worthy of honor, is considered worthy because of his _____ of managing the church, not simply the title he holds.

14. The nature of managing well is identified as "especially those who labor in _____ and _____."

15. These elders are worthy of "double" honor. This likely refers to the two specific honors that follow: they are to be _____ and they are to be _____.

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16. _____ means to challenge them, to expose the error, and to convict the sinner of their guilt. Doing this in the presence of all indicates that this is for public sin that affects the body.

17. The aim is always _____ and _____.

18. When we claim the name of Christ, the people we work for and alongside judge our _____ by our behavior. If a Christian is a lazy worker, dishonest with their time, or disrespectful to authority, it brings shame upon the message of the _____.