

Taking Care of the Household of God - Widows

1 Tim. 5:1-16

The Book of 1 Timothy

Theme: The church is a family of families and is to be managed as such.

Outline:

I. The general principle (vv. 1, 2)

The problem appears to be three-fold.

- A. First, there is a lack of **civility** toward the elderly.
- B. Second, there is a lack of **community** toward his male peers.
- C. Third, there is a lack of **morality** toward his female peers.

As a result,

- 1. The elderly are disrespected,
- 2. The male peers are dominated.
- 3. The female peers are defiled.

II. A specific application as it relates to widows (vv. 3-16)

- A. First, there are younger widows (vv. 11-16).
- B. Second, there are older widows (vv. 3-10).
 - 1. First, there are those who abuse the "system" (vv. 3-8, 16).
 - 2. Second, there are those overlooked by the "system."
 - 3. Third, there are those self-indulgent within the "system" (vv. 6, 11)
 - 4. Finally, there are those servants/serving the "system."

Shepherding the Sheep: (What is the NEXT STEP?)

- 1. Godly families are at the heart of a godly Church.
- 2. Parents have a responsibility to care for their needy children and children have a responsibility to care for their needy parents.
- 3. Older people should not abandon the ministry for personal pleasure, but should use their "golden" years to serve Christ and His Church.
- 4. If you are a younger widow and have need, marriage is a viable option.
- 5. If you are an older widow and have need, please let us know as to how we might help.
- 6. If you are an older widow and have no need, learn to see how you might leverage your position for the good of the church in ministering to the next generation of ladies in our fellowship.
- 7. Let us thank God for those widowed women over 60 who are faithfully serving Christ and His Church by serving the next generation of ladies in our fellowship.

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