

**Series "Entrusted With The Truth"**  
**"The Care Of Widows"**  
**1 Timothy 5:1-16**  
**Study-13**

**1. Verses 1-2 – Ministry To Men & Women**

**2. Verses 3-10 – Ministry To Widows**

**3. Verses 11-16 – Ministry To Younger Widows**

**1. Verses 1-2 – Ministry To Men & Women:**

1 Timothy 5:1

Verse 1 – Men:

"Older Man" – older man or the term "elder" is used in a non-technical sense  
Titus 2:2

The Negative: "Do not sharply rebuke an older man," "to censure severely, to reprimand harshly, to beat down with verbal abuse"

The Positive: "but rather appeal to him as a father," The word appeal  
"constant ministry of comfort and encouragement"

Younger Men – "to the younger men as brothers," Titus 2:6

Verse 2 – Women:

Older Women – "the older women as mothers," Romans 16:13

Younger Women – "and the younger women as sisters, in all purity."

Treat As Sisters: "the younger women as sisters,"

Keeping Pure: "in all purity." 1 Timothy 4:12

**2. Verses 3-10 – Ministry To Widows:**

1 Tim 5:3 – "widow" denotes "one who is bereft, robbed, and has suffered loss"  
implication is that of "Robbed of loneliness and emptiness"

Widows have a prominent part in the Old & New Testament: Exodus 22:22-23

Psalm 68:5

Proverbs 15:25

Matthew 23:14

Mark 12:41-44

Acts 6:1-6

James 1:27

### Different Types of Widows:

Verses 3, 5-7 – Widows With No Family: “who are widows indeed;” “indeed” could be translated as “truly or genuinely”

1 Tim 5:5

Financially Qualified: Note “has been left alone”, “desolate”; This term literally means “one who has been permanently left alone” Luke 7:11-18

Spiritually Qualified: “has fixed her hope on God,”

Luke 18:1-8

Luke 2:37

Widows Rejecting The Spiritual: 1 Tim 5:6

1 Tim 5:7

Verses 4, 8 – Widows with Family: 1 Tim 5:4

grandchildren – “the begotten out of her ones”

### The Family Members Have 3 Responsibilities to the Widow.

1. Practice Piety At Home: “let them first learn to practice piety in regard to their own family,”

2. Pay Back One’s Parents: “and to make some return to their parents; for this is acceptable in the sight of God.”

“to make some return” – The verb means “to render recompense, or to pay back”

3. Provide For Our Own: 1 Tim 5:8

Verses 9-10 – Spiritually Minded Widows: 1 Tim 5:9

1 Tim 5:11

The list – Widows Who Were Genuinely Destitute. Verses 3-8

Verses 9-10 – Spiritual Qualifications (To offer service)

Age: “only if she is not less than sixty years old,”

Marital History: “having been the wife of one man,” – Literally, the phrase reads “a one-man woman”

1 Tim 5:10

Proverbs 27:2

Acts 9:36

There Are 5 Areas of Good Works Cited. Introduced by the word “if”:

1. “if she has brought up children,” (Good Mother)
2. “if she has shown hospitality to strangers,” (Hospitable)
3. “if she has washed the saints' feet,” (Humility)
4. “if she has assisted those in distress,” (Compassionate)
5. “if she has devoted herself to every good work.” (Helpfulness)

### **3. Verses 11-16 – Ministry To Younger Widows:**

1 Tim 5:11

“younger widows” – refers to those who were probably under forty years of age.

But refuse “to avoid”

Verse 11 – Younger Widows Have A Desire To Marry:

1 Corinthians 7:8-9

“they want to get married,” – “they constantly will to marry”

Verse 12 – Fail To Keep Their Pledge:

Verse 13 – The Temptation’s Of Young Widows: Paul Shares 5 Possible Errors –

Problem #1 – “And at the same time they also learn to be idle,”

Problem #2 – “as they go around from house to house;”

Problem #3 – “and not merely idle, but also gossips” – “that of water boiling up, of bubbles being formed”

Problem #4 – “busybodies”

Problem #5 – “talking about things not proper to mention.”

Verses 14-15 – Paul’s Counsel: 1 Tim 5:14

Young Widows Should Remarry – 1 Corinthians 7:39

Become A New Parent – “to bear children”

Managers Of The Home – “keep house,” Prov. 31:27

1 Tim 5:15-16

**Application:**

1. We Are To Treat The Older Men And Women As Our Parents, And The Younger Men And Women As Brothers And Sisters
2. We Must Honor Our Parents and Grandparents And Seek To Provide For Them In Their Need
3. Failure To Provide For Our Own Renders One Worse Than An Unbeliever
4. The Believer Should Assist Those Who Are Truly In Need If At All Possible, But We Must Not Subsidize Their Sin