

1 Timothy 5:5-8

Honouring Widows (Part 2)

Contrast between Qualified and Disqualified Widows (vv. 5-6)

- The Widows Qualified for Church Support (v. 5)

- The Widows Disqualified for Church Support (v. 6)

Commanded to be Above Reproach (v. 7)

Closing Emphasis on Family Responsibility (v. 8)

Application of 1 Timothy 5:5-8

1. The description of the “widow indeed” presents a woman who has set her hope on God, throughout her life (not just her widowhood)
 - a. Consider what Scripture teaches us about ‘fixing our hope on God’ (e.g. 1 Tim 1:1; 4:10; 6:17; Ps 27:14; 39:7; 71:5; Jer 17:7)
 - b. Is your hope ‘fixed on God’? Are there situations in your life right now that you need to fix your hope on God?
2. The description of the “widow indeed” presents a woman who is continually in prayer, but again this is to be characteristic of all God’s people (see Luke 18:1-8; Eph 6:18; 1 Thess 5:17)
3. Compare the difference between the destitute, poor, praying woman and the self-indulgent, materialistic woman.
 - a. How does this comparison reveal God’s perspective on what it means to be alive?
 - b. How does this also challenge you in your perspective/actions?
 - c. How do vv. 5-6 (and the whole passage of vv. 3-16) provide guidance for who the church is to help and safeguard the church from “enabling” people?
4. Why might a grieving, wounded, lonely person be vulnerable to seek comfort and pleasure rather than submit to and trust God?
5. How does practicing the instructions given in this passage (vv. 3-6) lead to people being “above reproach”? Why is this important?
6. Who would be considered within the circle of your “own” and who would be part of the smaller circle of your “household”?
 - a. Specifically consider how you may care for your aging parents, whether they may need practical care now or will in the future.
 - b. How can you plan ahead (e.g. financially, your home) to honour your parents well?
7. Reflect on the forceful and somewhat shocking words Paul uses to describe family members who don’t care for their needy family members, how does this challenge you?

Reading this week: Read 1 Tim 5:3-16

Sermon Notes for Children (or Children at Heart)

Date _____

Pastor _____

<u>Book</u>	Sermon Main Points <i>Honouring Widows (Part 2)</i> C_____ between Qualified and Disqualified Widows (vv. 5-6)	<u>Other Bible References:</u>
<u>Chapter</u>	- The W_____ Q_____ for C_____ Support (v. ____) - The Widows D_____ for Church S_____ (v. ____) C_____ to be Above R_____ (v. ____)	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
<u>Verses</u>	C_____ Emphasis on F_____ Responsibility (v. ____)	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____

Words you heard during the sermon (tally each time)

God/Father	Christ/Jesus/Lord	Care	Church	Family	Paul	Widow(s)

What is the message about? _____

How can you do this? _____

What/who can you pray for? _____

Draw a picture related to the message: