

1 Timothy 5:9-16

Honouring Widows (Part 3)

Contrast between Qualified and Disqualified Widows (vv. 9-13)

- What are the Widows Qualified for? (v. 9a)

- The Widows Qualified for Church Support (v. 9b-10)

- The Widows Disqualified for Church Support (v. 11-13)

Counselled to be Above Reproach (v. 14-15)

Closing Emphasis on Family Responsibility (v. 16)

Application of 1 Timothy 5:9-16

1. Why might Paul have restricted formal and permanent church support for widows to those over 60 years? How does this apply in our society today?
2. How does the example of a godly qualified widow in vv. 5, 9-10 challenge you to a life committed to Christ and His church?
3. In consideration of this passage, how might we approach caring for people in need who have a “questionable” or “immoral” past?
4. In what way might sensual desires leading to marriage be disregarding Christ, incur condemnation, and result in one’s rejection of their former profession of faith?
5. How may idleness be a breeding ground for all kinds of temptation?
6. Is being a gossip, busybody, and generally talking about things not proper to mention a weakness for you? If so, confess such to God and ask Him to guard your tongue and use your tongue for good. You may also want to memorize and pray specific Scripture related to the use of the tongue.
7. How do the instructions for younger widows in v. 14 (and some of the good works described in v. 10) inform us about God’s role for women in society (generally speaking)?
8. In what way might Christian marriage save a widow (or single person) from potential “reproach” and turning aside after Satan?
 - a. What other safeguards could you put in place to protect yourself and the church from such consequences?
9. How should the church respond to those who don’t care for their family members in need?

Reading this week: Read 1 Tim 5:3-20

Sermon Notes for Children (or Children at Heart)

Date _____

Pastor _____

<u>Book</u>	Sermon Main Points <i>Honouring Widows (Part 3)</i>	<u>Other Bible References:</u>
C _____ between Qualified and Disqualified Widows (vv. 9-13)	- What the W _____ are Qualified for (v. __a) - The W _____ Q _____ for Church Support (vv. __-__) - The Widows D _____ for C _____ Support (vv. __-__)	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
<u>Chapter</u>	C _____ to be Above R _____ (vv. __-__)	
<u>Verses</u>	C _____ Emphasis on F _____ Responsibility (v. __)	

Words you heard during the sermon (tally each time)

God/Father	Christ/Jesus/Lord	Care/Caring	Church	Paul	Widow(s)	Woman/Women

What is the message about? _____

How can you do this? _____

What/who can you pray for? _____

Draw a picture related to the message: