

1 Timothy 5:1-25 **Leaders behavior toward those under his teaching**

Older men – Younger men – Older Women – Younger Women

¹ Do not rebuke an older man, but exhort him as a father, younger men as brothers, ² older women as mothers, younger as sisters, with all purity.

Church Administration

Widows

³ Honor widows who are really widows. ⁴ But if any widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show piety at home and to repay their parents; for this is good and acceptable before God.

⁵ Now she who is really a widow, and left alone, trusts in God and continues in supplications and prayers night and day.

⁶ But she who lives in pleasure is dead while she lives.

⁷ And these things command, that they may be blameless.

⁸ But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

⁹ Do not let a widow under sixty years old be taken into the number, and not unless she has been the wife of one man, ¹⁰ well reported for good works: if she has brought up children, if she has lodged strangers, if she has washed the saints' feet, if she has relieved the afflicted, if she has diligently followed every good work.

¹¹ But refuse the younger widows; for when they have begun to grow wanton against Christ, they desire to marry, ¹² having condemnation because they have cast off their first faith. ¹³ And besides they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house, and not only idle but also gossips and busybodies, saying things which they ought not.

¹⁴ Therefore I desire that the younger widows marry, bear children, manage the house, give no opportunity to the adversary to speak reproachfully. ¹⁵ For some have already turned aside after Satan.

¹⁶ If any believing man or woman has widows, let them relieve them, and do not let the church be burdened, that it may relieve those who are really widows.

Worthy Elders

¹⁷ Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine. ¹⁸ For the Scripture says, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain," and, "The laborer is worthy of his wages."

General Counsel

¹⁹ Do not receive an accusation against an elder except from two or three witnesses.

- 20 Those who are sinning rebuke in the presence of all, that the rest also may fear.
- 21 I charge you before God and the Lord Jesus Christ and the elect angels that you observe these things without prejudice, doing nothing with partiality.
- 22 Do not lay hands on anyone hastily, nor share in other people's sins; keep yourself pure.
- 23 No longer drink only water, but use a little wine for your stomach's sake and your frequent infirmities.
- 24 Some men's sins are clearly evident, preceding them to judgment, but those of some men follow later.
- 25 Likewise, the good works of some are clearly evident, and those that are otherwise cannot be hidden.
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Facts Revealed:

Older men – Younger men – Older Women – Younger Women [1 Timothy 5:1-2]

- ✚ Relationships with members of the Church is the same as with family members regarding respect of the elders and purity toward the others.

Church Administration

Widows [1 Timothy 5:3-16]

- ✚ Widows, Fatherless, and strangers have been high in the concern of God throughout the history of Israel as demonstrated in the Law and prophets. [Exodus 22:22-24, Deuteronomy 10:17-19, 14:28-29, 16:11, 14, 24:17-22, 26:12-15, 27:19, Psalm 68:65, 146:9, Isaiah 1:17, Jeremiah 7:6-7, 22:3, Ezekiel 22:6-16, Zechariah 7:8-10, Malachi 3:5]
- ✚ Jesus and the early Church also held them in high concern. [Matthew 23:18, Mark 12:38-40, Acts 6:1-7]
 - ✧ The first responsibility for the welfare of the widows is their own family. [1 Timothy 5:4]
 - ✧ If anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. [1 Timothy 5:8]
 - ✧ The saintly widow who has no family and is left alone, her welfare is the responsibility of the Church. [1 Timothy 5:5]
 - ✧ The widow who lives for pleasure is dead while she lives. [1 Timothy 5:6]
 - ✧ The purpose of this teaching is to encourage widows to live blameless lives before God. [1 Timothy 5:7]
- ✚ The qualifications for Church support of a widow, she must be:
 - ✧ The wife of one man.
 - ✧ Over 60 years of age.
 - ✧ A reputation of good works in the community.
 - ✧ Brought up children.
 - ✧ Lodged strangers.
 - ✧ Tended to the needs of Saints.
 - ✧ Relieved the afflicted.
 - ✧ Diligently followed every good work. [1 Timothy 5:9-10]

- ✧ Younger widows may qualify for public assistance because of poverty, but not the same as older widows of the Church. [Exodus 23:11, Leviticus 19:10, 23:22, Deuteronomy 15:7-11, 24:14-15, Psalm 12:5, 41:1, 74:21, 82:3-4, 140:12-13, Proverbs 14:21, 31, 19:17, 22:9, 22, 28:17, 29:7, 31:9, Isaiah 41:17, 58:6-10, Zechariah 7:8-10, Matthew 19:21, Mark 10:21, Luke 18:22, Galatians 2:10]
- ✧ There are problems involved in Church support of younger widows: [1 Timothy 5:11-13]
 - ✧ When they begin to grow wanton they will cast off their first faith desiring to marry.
 - ✧ They learn to be idle, wandering from house to house.
 - ✧ They become gossips and busybodies, saying things they ought not.
- ✧ Paul's advise to young widows: [1 Timothy 5:14-15]
 - ✧ Marry, raise children, manage the house, give no opportunity to the adversary to speak reproachfully.
 - ✧ Some have already turned aside after Satan.
 - ✧ In Paul's view, yielding to the desires of the flesh is turning after Satan, since the focus of Satan has always been to appeal to our natural desires and drives. [1 Corinthians 10:13, 2 Timothy 3:6-7, Mark 4:19, Galatians 5:16-17, 24, Ephesians 2:1-3, 4:22, Romans 6:12-14, 13:13-14, 1 Thessalonians 4:1-5, 2 Timothy 2:22]
- ✧ Conclusion: [1 Timothy 5:16]
 - ✧ If any believing man or woman has widows, let them relieve them, and do not let the church be burdened, that it may relieve those who are really widows.

Worthy Elders [1 Timothy 5:17-18]

- ✧ Elders who lead well, especially those focused on the **Word** and **doctrine** are worthy of double honor.
 - ✧ Paul uses the Law and Scripture to support this instruction:
 - ✧ "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain," [Deuteronomy 25:4, 1 Corinthians 9:1-14, 1 Timothy 5:18]
 - ✧ "The laborer is worthy of his wages." [Luke 10:4-7, 1 Timothy 5:18]

General Counsel [1 Timothy 5:19-25]

- ✧ Do not receive an accusation against an elder except from two or three witnesses.
 - ✧ Those who are sinning rebuke in the presence of all, that the rest also may fear.
- ✧ Paul gave Timothy a high charge, to obey these commands and do nothing with partiality.
- ✧ Do not lay hands on anyone hastily, nor share in other people's sins; keep yourself pure.
 - ✧ We are to be careful when we appoint a person to a leadership position in the Church for the sake of the Church. [1 Timothy 3:1-6, 5:22]
- ✧ No longer drink only water, but use a little wine for your stomach's sake and your frequent infirmities.
 - ✧ We do not know what was the ailment Timothy suffered, but from this command it appears a **little** wine would be helpful. This is not a commandment encouraging abuse of alcohol but for a specific ailment.
- ✧ Some people's sins are openly apparent, others are hidden, both will be dealt with in the Judgment.
- ✧ The good deeds of some are openly apparent, others are hidden, both will be rewarded in the Judgment.
 - ✧ Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work. [Revelation 22:12, Matthew 16:27, Isaiah 62:11, 49:4, 40:10, 3:11]