

1 Timothy

Fight the Good Fight

Family Rules

The Church is the Family of God (*John 1:12; Ephesians 1:3-5; Romans 8:14-16; Mark 3:31-35; 1 Timothy 1:2, 3:14*)

1. Rules About _____ Family with Respect (*1 Timothy 5:1-2, 3:15*)

A. Treat Older Men Like _____ (*Leviticus 19:32; 1 Timothy 1:3; Ephesians 4:15*)

B. Treat Younger Men Like _____

C. Treat Older Women Like _____ (*Romans 16:13*)

D. Treat Younger Women Like _____

2. Rules About _____ for Widows (*Exodus 20:12; Mark 7:10-12; Exodus 22:22-23; Deuteronomy 10:18, 14:28-29; Luke 21:3; James 1:27*)

A. Care is Only for _____ Widows (1 Timothy 5:3, 5, 16)

B. Care is Only for _____ Widows (1 Timothy 5:5-7; Luke 2:37)

C. Care is the _____ of Family (1 Timothy 5:4, 8, 3:15)

3. Rules About _____ as a Widow (1 Timothy 5:9)

A. The _____ Widow (1 Timothy 5:9-10)

B. The _____ Widow (1 Timothy 5:11-15)

Discussion Questions (1 Timothy 5:1-16)

1. What do the following verses teach us about God's family? (*John 1:12; Ephesians 1:3-5; Romans 8:14-16; Mark 3:31-35; 1 Timothy 3:14*) What does being part of God's family mean to you?
2. How are we to treat one another in the family of God? (*1 Timothy 5:1-2; Ephesians 4:15*) Why do you think Paul bases his instructions on age and gender?
3. What do the following verses teach us about God's heart for widows and others? (*Exodus 20:12; Mark 7:10-12; Exodus 22:22-23; Deuteronomy 10:18, 14:28-29*) How is this reflected in the early church? (*Acts 6:1-6; James 1:27*)
4. What qualifications must a widow meet to receive support from the church? (*1 Timothy 5:3, 5-7, 16*) Why do you think Paul gave these qualifications to Timothy?
5. Who has the first responsibility for widow care? (*1 Timothy 5:4*) What does Paul say about those who fail to live up to this responsibility? (*1 Timothy 5:8*)
6. What are the qualifications listed in 1 Timothy 5:9-10? Do you think these are more qualifications for receiving support from the church, or qualifications for ministry in the church that the widow is receiving support from? What are the reasons for your answer?
7. Why does Paul instruct Timothy to "refuse to enroll younger widows"? (*1 Timothy 5:11-13, 15*) What is the alternative for younger widows? (*1 Timothy 5:14-15*)
8. Based on 1 Timothy 5:1-16, what areas of family life (both biological and spiritual) do you need to grow in?