

Instructions for Widows 1 Timothy 5:1-16

Main Idea: Paul instructs Timothy how to treat his fellow Christians and how the church should care for widows.

I. Treat your fellow Christians like members of your family (5:1-2)

²⁸Peter began to say to Him, "Behold, we have left everything and followed You." ²⁹Jesus said, "Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or farms, for My sake and for the gospel's sake, ³⁰but that he will receive a hundred times as much now in the present age, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and farms, along with persecutions; and in the age to come, eternal life. Mark 10:28-30 (NASB)

II. Instructions on how the church should care for widows (5:3-16).

A. Widows of godly character and no family are candidates for support (5:3-8, 16).

B. Support widows of 60 years or older who have a history of good works (5:9-10)

C. Younger widows should remarry, if they can, to avoid temptation (5:11-15).

III. Application