

Responsibility and Discipline

Lesson 19

1 Timothy 5:1 - 6:2

The remainder of this letter Paul devoted to instructing Timothy on how to deal with various groups within the church. Since the largest portion was devoted to widows, one can assume this was a pressing situation within this church.

Proper Treatment Based Upon Age - 1 Timothy 5:1-2

1. Using 1 Timothy 5:1, 2, how was Timothy to treat:
 - Older men?
 - Younger men?
 - Older women?
 - Younger women?

Dealing With Widows - 1 Timothy 5:3-16

2. When there was a widow truly in need, how was Timothy to treat her? (1 Timothy 5:3)
3. What were Paul's first instructions to Timothy regarding widows? (1 Timothy 5:4a)
 - Why? (1 Timothy 5:4b)
4. How was it determined that a widow was truly in need? (1 Timothy 5:5)
5. How was it determined that she was not? (1 Timothy 5:6)

6. Why was Timothy to instruct all the people in this? (1 Timothy 5:7)

7. What was Timothy to say to the people about widows? (1 Timothy 5:8)

8. Once Timothy had determined who was and who was not truly in need, then he was to make a list of names. But before doing that, Paul gave Timothy some character qualities that also must be present in the widow truly in need. Using 1 Timothy 5:9, 10, in addition to being over 60 years of age, what was to have been her relationship to her:
 - Husband?

 - Family?

 - Others?

 - Self?

9. What if the widow was younger than 60 years of age? (1 Timothy 5:11a)
 - Why? (1 Timothy 5:11b)

10. Paul regarded the younger widows in Ephesus as a problem in the church. What were they doing that would bring judgment on them?
 - 1 Timothy 5:12

 - 1 Timothy 5:13a

 - 1 Timothy 5:13b

11. What was Timothy to advise them to do? (1 Timothy 5:14)

12. Why did Paul devote so much space to and give such specific instructions on the issue of young widows? (1 Timothy 5:15)

13. Using 1 Timothy 5:16:

- What was Timothy to instruct all the women in the church to do?

- What was the reason he gave for this?

Regarding elders - 1 Timothy 5:17-20

14. Using 1 Timothy 5:17:

- How did Paul describe the work of these elders?

- What were they worthy of?

- What specific spiritual gifts did Paul mention these elders were using?

15. Paul quoted Scripture, "*Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain.*" (Deuteronomy 25:4) What do you think that quote meant?

16. Paul added another saying, "*The worker deserves his wages*" which is written several times in the Old Testament as well as part of Jesus' own teaching. In the context of elders, what do you think Paul was saying to Timothy?

17. What was Paul's counsel regarding those who might accuse an elder? (1 Timothy 5:19)

18. What if the accusation against an elder were true? (1 Timothy 5:20)

Charge to Timothy - 1 Timothy 5:21-25

19. Upon whom did Paul call as witnesses? (1 Timothy 5:21a)

20. What was Paul's charge to Timothy?

- 1 Timothy 5:21b

- 1 Timothy 5:22a

- 1 Timothy 5:22b

- 1 Timothy 5:22c

21. Paul gave some fatherly advice to young Timothy who suffered from stomach problems and frequent illnesses. What was Paul's advice to help combat illness? (1 Timothy 5:23)

22. As he continued to think about Timothy and the situations in Ephesus, what reminder did Paul add about identifying sin? (1 Timothy 5:24)

23. What about good deeds? (1 Timothy 5:25)

Believing Slaves - 1 Timothy 6:1, 2

24. The church would be made up of the entire household including believing slaves. How were slaves to treat their masters, even if they were not believers? (1 Timothy 6:1a)

- Why was that important? (1 Timothy 6:1b)

25. Paul gave additional instruction to slaves who had believing masters. Using 1 Timothy 6:2:

- What were slaves not to do?

- What did Paul say about their relationship?

- How were they to serve their masters?

- Why?