

1 Timothy 5:3-16

CARE FOR WIDOWS

Intro:

I. Honor [timaō] widows (v 3)

II. Qualified widows (v 4-10)

A. No relatives

Relatives should:

1. Act godly (piety)

2. Show gratitude

3. Please God

4. Provide for

B. 60 plus years (The *Mishnah*)

C. One man woman

D. Good works

1. Trusts in God (v 5)

2. Prays (Luke 2:36-38)

3. Raised children

4. Shows hospitality

5. Washed the saints feet (John 13:5)

III. Unqualified widows

A. Less than 60

B. Not faithful (vv 12-14)

Pledge (v 12)

C. Immature (v 13)

Not discerning

D. Remarry (v 14)

IV. Teach these things (vv 5-7)

A. Live your faith (v 8)

1. Take care of qualified widows (v 3, 16b)

2. Help others (vv 6, 14, 16a)

B. Weigh choices carefully (vv 9-10)

V. Application

A. Personal responsibility (1 John 3:17)

B. Suffering doesn't always = godliness

C. The church cannot support everyone in need

D. Keep active

James 1:27 - Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.