



Godliness to your Households
1 Timothy 5:3-8
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Introduction

In this sermon we learn how godliness is to be put into practice in our church and biological families.

The Text: 1 Timothy 5:3-8

³ Honor widows who are truly widows. ⁴ But if a widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show godliness to their own household and to make some return to their parents, for this is pleasing in the sight of God. ⁵ She who is truly a widow, left all alone, has set her hope on God and continues in supplications and prayers night and day, ⁶ but she who is self-indulgent is dead even while she lives. ⁷ Command these things as well, so that they may be without reproach. ⁸ But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

1) Every local church is expected to care for its members in need, especially widows (vv. 3, 5-6).

2) Every Christian is expected to be a first responder to their own family members in need (vv. 4, 7-8).

Response

Every Christian is commanded to show godly hospitality in both their natural and supernatural households.

Sunday Text Questions for 1 Timothy 5:3-8 (“Entrusted to You” Series)

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- 1) Starter Question: How have you seen the church care for those in need?
- 2) Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
- 3) Since giving “honor” (v. 3) to someone in the Bible means giving to them what they are worth or owed, how much honor should the church give to its widows?
- 4) Who qualifies as a “true widow” (v. 3), and based upon vv. 5-6, why is Paul concerned about making such qualifications?
- 5) In a passage commanding care for widows, why does Paul command widows to live in their widowhood with faith and trust (v. 5), and what does that teach us about living Christianly in all circumstances?
- 6) How might the command to care for widows be properly applied to widowers and even women (and their children) abandoned or mistreated by their husbands?
- 7) How can Hope Church more intentionally care for widows in our midst (be practical and specific)?
- 8) What does God expect of individual Christians regarding widows or family members in need, and why does God expect this (vv. 4, 7)?
- 9) By way of application, how far into our extended family is this text speaking, and what kind of care and provision might God have in mind for us to give?
- 10) According to v. 8, a Christian who does not provide for their family is “worse than an unbeliever.” What exactly does Paul mean by that and how should that motivate us to care for our family members in need?

Further study this week: Passages on caring for widows: James 1:27 (Mon); Deuteronomy 10:17-18 (Tues); Isaiah 1:17 (Wed); Psalm 82:3 (Thurs); Mark 12:41-44 (Fri).