

1 TIMOTHY

GOD'S PLAN FOR HIS CHURCH



Special Groups in the Church

1 Timothy 5:1-25

Wisdom for Timothy's work

- 1-2 Age and Gender groups
- 3-8 Widows in the Church
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- 17-25 Relationship with Elders
- 23 Medical advice for Timothy



Respect for all (age/gender) 1-2

- Correction with proper respect

- Older men (as a father)
- Older women (as a mother)
- Younger men (as brothers)
- Younger women (as sisters)

(Treat everyone like they are family)



Honoring widows 3-8

- Widows who have family for support
- True widows (no family support)
 - Left Alone
 - Continues in her faith
- The widow who lives in pleasure

(God is pleased when families show this care)



Enrolled widows 9-16

- Certain widows may make special commitment
 - Serve the congregation/receive support
 - Guidelines (age, past faithful experience)
- Younger widows should live normal life
 - Marry, raise children, manage household
 - Don't give occasion for reproach

(Christians should take this responsibility)



Relationship with elders 17-25

- Elders who rule well are worthy of support
 - From the OT – principle of muzzling ox Deut 25:4
 - From the NT – Jesus' own words Luke 10:7
- Correcting elders on basis of witnesses
- Don't be hasty to appoint elders

(Some personal medical advice for Timothy)



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