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1 TIMOTHY CHAPTER 5

In Your Group Read 1 Timothy chapter five (aloud) in a modern translation or read it in the King James Version (below). As a Group, Discuss the general content of the chapter.

THE LETTER OF 1 TIMOTHY CHAPTER 5 King James Version

1 TIMOTHY 5: [1] 1 Rebuke not an elder, but entreat him as a father; and the younger men as brethren; **[2]** The elder women as mothers; the younger as sisters, with all purity. **[3]** ¶ Honour widows that are widows indeed. **[4]** But if any widow have children or nephews, let them learn first to show piety at home, and to requite their parents: for that is good and acceptable before God. **[5]** Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusteth in God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day. **[6]** But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth. **[7]** And these things give in charge, that they may be blameless. **[8]** But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel. **[9]** Let not a widow be taken into the number under threescore years old, having been the wife of one man, **[10]** Well reported of for good works; if she have brought up children, if she have lodged strangers, if she have washed the saints' feet, if she have relieved the afflicted, if she have diligently followed every good work. **[11]** But the younger widows refuse: for when they have begun to wax wanton against Christ, they will marry; **[12]** Having damnation, because they have cast off their first faith. **[13]** And withal they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not. **[14]** I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully. **[15]** For some are already turned aside after Satan. **[16]** If any man or woman that believeth have widows, let them relieve them, and let not the church be charged; that it may relieve them that are widows indeed. **[17]** ¶ Let the elders that

rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine. [18] For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn (Deuteronomy 25:4). And, The labourer is worthy of his reward (Luke 10:7). [19] Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses. [20] Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear. [21] I charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality. [22] Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure. [23] Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities. [24] Some men's sins are open beforehand, going before to judgment; and some men they follow after. [25] Likewise also the good works of some are manifest beforehand; and they that are otherwise cannot be hid.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE GROUP: Read and Discuss each verse and translation along with the "Additional Information" in each box provided.

1 TIMOTHY CHAPTER 5 VERSES 1-2

1 Timothy 5: [1] 1 Rebuke not an elder, but entreat him as a father; and the younger men as brethren; [2] The elder women as mothers; the younger as sisters, with all purity. (King James Version)

¹Never speak sharply to an older man, but plead with him respectfully just as though he were your own father. Talk to the younger men as you would to much-loved brothers. ²Treat the older women as mothers, and the girls as your sisters, thinking only pure thoughts about them. **(The Living Bible)**

[1] Never give a sharp reprimand to an older man, *but* encourage him as if he were your father. *Treat* the younger men as brothers, [2] the older women as mothers, *and* the younger women as sisters, thinking only pure thoughts about them. **(The New Translation)**

[1] You mustn't speak harshly to an older man, but urge him to do what you want as if he were your father. And urge the younger men like brothers, [2] the older women like mothers, and the younger women like sisters, with nothing but pure thoughts in your mind. **(New Testament in Everyday American English)**

[1] Correct an older man gently, not harshly; plead with him as you would with a father. Correct the younger men as you would your brothers, [2] older women as mothers, and younger women as sisters, with utmost care to maintain purity. **(The Last Days Bible)**

Additional Information: (Verse 1) – "Elder." In this context, the Greek is indicating older men generally, not the office of elder. The younger Timothy was to confront sinning older men with deference and honor, which is clearly inferred from the Old Testament principles (See Lev. 19:32; Job 32:4; Prov. 16:31) (MacArthur Bible Commentary, p.1792).

1 TIMOTHY CHAPTER 5
VERSES 3-4

1 Timothy 5: [3] ¶ Honour widows that are widows indeed. [4] But if any widow have children or nephews, let them learn first to show piety at home, and to requite their parents: for that is good and acceptable before God. (King James Version)

[3] Honor widows who are widows indeed; **[4]** but if any widow has children or grandchildren, they must first learn to practice piety in regard to their own family and to make some return to their parents; for this is acceptable in the sight of God. **(New American Standard Bible)**

³The church should care for any widow who has no one else to care for her. ⁴But if she has children or grandchildren, their first responsibility is to show godliness at home and repay their parents by taking care of them. This is something that pleases God very much. **(New Living Translation)**

³Take care of any widow who is really in need. ⁴But if a widow has children or grandchildren, they should learn to serve God by taking care of her, as she once took care of them. This is what God wants them to do. **(Contemporary English Version)**

³The church should take loving care of women whose husbands have died if they don't have anyone else to help them. ⁴But if they have children or grandchildren, these are the ones who should take the responsibility, for kindness should begin at home, supporting needy parents. This is something that pleases God very much. **(The Living Bible)**

[3] Help women whose husbands have died. **[4]** If a woman whose husband has died has children or grandchildren, they are the ones to care for her. In that way, they can pay back to their parents the kindness that has been shown to them. God is pleased when this is done. **(The New Life Testament)**

Widows in real need must be supported from the funds. (When a widow has children or grandchildren, they must learn that the first duty of religion is to their own household, and that they should make some return to those who have brought them up. In God's sight this is a commendable deed.) (verses 3-4) **(Moffatt Translation)**

[3] Honor and care for widows who are without any family. **[4]** But if a widow has children or grandchildren, they should learn as their first duty to put godliness into practice at home *by caring for her*. In this way they will be making some repayment to their parents, for this is pleasing to God. **(The New Translation)**

[3] [Always] treat with great consideration and give aid to those who are truly widowed (solitary and without support). **[4]** but if a widow has children or grandchildren, see to it that these are first made to understand that it is their religious duty [to defray their natural obligation to those] at home, and make return to their parents or grandparents [for all their care by contributing to their maintenance], for this is acceptable in the sight of God. **(The Amplified New Testament)**

Additional Information: (Verses 3-4) - See Mark 7:9-13.

(Verse 4) - Those who use the King James Version (KJV) should know that "nephews" in 1611 meant "grandchildren" (Helps for Translators, p. 46).

1 TIMOTHY CHAPTER 5
VERSES 5-6

1 Timothy 5: [5] Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusteth in God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day. [6] But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth. (King James Version)

⁵But a woman who is a true widow, one who is truly alone in this world, has placed her hope in God. Night and day she asks God for help and spends much time in prayer. ⁶But the widow who lives only for pleasure is spiritually dead. **(New Living Translation)**

⁵A widow who is really in need is one who doesn't have any relatives. She has faith in God, and she keeps praying to him night and day, asking for his help.

⁶A widow who thinks only about having a good time is already dead, even though she is still alive. **(Contemporary English Version)**

You can tell a legitimate widow by the way she has put all her hope in God, praying to him constantly for the needs of others as well as her own. But a widow who exploits people's emotions and pocketbooks – well, there's nothing to her. (verses 5-6) **(The Message)**

⁵The church should care for widows who are poor and alone in the world if they are looking to God for his help and spending much time in prayer; ⁶but not if they are spending their time running around gossiping, seeking only pleasure and thus ruining their souls. **(The Living Bible)**

Additional Information: "But she that liveth in pleasure" in contrast with the widow who gives all her time to God, is the widow who indulges herself, "who lives for pleasure," "whose only concern is to please herself." The context shows that the "pleasure" involves, at least in part, immoral behavior. So it may be necessary to translate "But a widow who lives an immoral life" is dead while she liveth, that is, is already spiritually dead, even though she is living physically. The paradox is intentional; although she is physically alive, she has died spiritually (Helps for Translators, p. 47).

1 TIMOTHY CHAPTER 5
VERSES 7-8

1 Timothy 5: [7] And these things give in charge, that they may be blameless. [8] But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel. (King James Version)

⁷Tell all of this to everyone, so they will do the right thing. ⁸People who don't take care of their relatives, and especially their own families, have given up their faith. They are worse than someone who doesn't have faith in the Lord. **(Contemporary English Version)**

You should therefore make the following rules for the widows, to avoid abuses:
1. You should make it clear that for a man to refuse to look after his own relations, especially those actually living in his house, is a denial of the faith he professes. He is worse than a man who makes no profession. (verses 7-8) **(Phillips Translation)**

[7] So continue to warn the people about these things, so that no one will have any legitimate reason to sneer at the widows you support. **[8]** But anyone who doesn't

provide for his own relatives when they're in need, and especially for his own family, has renounced the Christian faith. He's worse than a heathen! **(The Last Days Bible)**

Additional Information: (Verse 8) – It was normal practice even in heathen societies for a family to take care of their widows; a Christian family who failed to do this was behaving worse than the heathen. This verse may be translated as follows: A Christian who does not take care of his relatives, and especially of the (immediate) members of his own family, has rejected the Christian faith, and is acting worse than a non-Christian. (Helps for Translators, p. 47).

1 TIMOTHY CHAPTER 5

VERSES 9-10

1 Timothy 5: [9] Let not a widow be taken into the number under threescore years old, having been the wife of one man, [10] Well reported of for good works; if she have brought up children, if she have lodged strangers, if she have washed the saints' feet, if she have relieved the afflicted, if she have diligently followed every good work. (King James Version)

[9] No widow may be put on the list of widows unless she is over sixty, has been faithful to her husband, **[10]** and is well known for her good deeds, such as bringing up children, showing hospitality, washing the feet of the saints, helping those in trouble and devoting herself to all kinds of good deeds. **(New International Version)**

2. Widows for your church list should be at least sixty years of age, should have had only one husband and have a well-founded reputation for having lived a good life. Some such questions as these should be asked: - has she brought up her children well, has she been hospitable to strangers, has she been willing to serve fellow-Christians in menial ways, has she relieved those in distress, has she, in a word, conscientiously done all the good she can? (verses 9-10) **(Phillips Translation)**

[9] Don't put a widow on the list *for help* if she is under 60 years old. She must have been faithful to her husband. **[10]** It should be clear to all that she has done good deeds: Did she raise children? Did she welcome strangers? Did she wash the feet of holy people? Did she help people who were suffering? Did she practice all kinds of good deeds? **(The Simple English Bible)**

Additional Information: (Verse 9) – Here we see that the early congregations all had a group of widows who were supported by the congregation, since they had no one else to take care of them, and also that eligible widows were put on some kind of a list. The qualifications are given in 1 Timothy 5. They probably had many little jobs to do in the congregation in return for this support. 1 Timothy 5:12 also tells us that they had to promise to stay single (Julian G. Anderson).

"Having been the wife of one man," literally this means a "one-man woman." It does not exclude women who have been married more than once (1 Tim. 5:14; 1 Cor. 7:39), but it refers to a woman totally devoted and faithful to her husband, a wife who had displayed purity of thought and action in her marriage (MacArthur Bible Commentary, p.1793).

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1 TIMOTHY CHAPTER 5

VERSES 11-13

1 Timothy 5: [11] But the younger widows refuse: for when they have begun to wax wanton against Christ, they will marry; [12] Having damnation, because they have cast off their first faith. [13] And withal they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not. (King James Version)

¹¹The younger widows should not be on the list, because their physical desires will overpower their devotion to Christ and they will want to remarry. ¹²Then they would be guilty of breaking their previous pledge. ¹³Besides, they are likely to become lazy and spend their time gossiping from house to house, getting into other people's business and saying things they shouldn't. **(New Living Translation)**

¹¹Don't put young widows on the list. They may later have a strong desire to get married. Then they will turn away from Christ ¹²and become guilty of breaking their promise to him. ¹³Besides, they will become lazy and get into the habit of going from house to house. Next, they will start gossiping and become busybodies, talking about things that are none of their business. **(Contemporary English Version)**

Don't put young widows on this list. No sooner will they get on than they'll want to get off, obsessed with wanting to get a husband rather than serving Christ in this way. By breaking their word, they're liable to go from bad to worse, frittering away their days on empty talk, gossip, and trivialities. (verses 11-13) **(The Message)**

[11] But refuse to enroll younger widows, for their physical desires may become stronger than their *commitment* to Christ, and they will want to marry again. **[12]** And so they will condemn themselves by breaking their pledge *not to marry*. **[13]** Besides that, they learn to be idle, going about from house to house, and not only idle but gossips and busybodies, speaking about things they should not. **(The New Translation)**

[11] But don't put the younger widows on the list, for when their desire for a husband becomes stronger than their desire to serve Christ, they want to get married. **[12]** And then they will fall under God's judgment, because they have broken the promise they made earlier. And besides, the young widows often get into the habit of not working and running around from house to house. And it isn't only that they don't do any work, but they also get to babbling about a lot of silly things and putting their noses into other people's business, and talking about things they shouldn't talk about at all. **(New Testament in Everyday American English)**

Additional Information: (Verse 12) – "they have cast off their first faith." Perhaps when a widow was added to the list she pledged special devotion to Christ, which would be diminished by remarriage. Or Paul may be referring to the believer's basic trust in Christ, which a widow would compromise by marrying outside the faith, that is, an unbeliever (NIV Study Bible)

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1 TIMOTHY CHAPTER 5
VERSES 14-15

1 Timothy 5: [14] I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully. [15] For some are already turned aside after Satan. (King James Version)

[14] So I counsel younger widows to marry, to have children, to manage their homes and to give the enemy no opportunity for slander. **[15]** Some have in fact already turned away to follow Satan. **(New International Version)**

¹⁴I would prefer that young widows get married, have children, and look after their families. Then the enemy won't have any reason to say insulting things about us. ¹⁵Look what's already happened to some of the young widows! They have turned away to follow Satan. **(Contemporary English Version)**

¹⁴So I think it is better for these younger widows to marry again and have children and take care of their own homes; then no one will be able to say anything against them. ¹⁵For I am afraid that some of them have already turned away from the church and been led astray by Satan. **(The Living Bible)**

It is my wish, therefore, that young widows shall marry again, have children, and preside over a home; then they will give no opponent occasion for slander. For there have in fact been some who have taken the wrong turning and gone to the devil. (verses 14-15) **(New English Bible)**

1 TIMOTHY CHAPTER 5
VERSE 16

1 Timothy 5: [16] If any man or woman that believeth have widows, let them relieve them, and let not the church be charged; that it may relieve them that are widows indeed. (King James Version)

¹⁶If a Christian woman has relatives who are widows, she must take care of them and not put the responsibility on the church. Then the church can care for widows who are truly alone. **(New Living Translation)**

¹⁶Let me remind you again that a widow's relatives must take care of her and not leave this to the church to do. Then the church can spend its money for the care of widows who are all alone and have nowhere else to turn. **(The Living Bible)**

[16] As a general rule it should be taken for granted that any Christians who have widows in the family circle should do everything possible for them and not allow them to become the church's responsibility. The church will then be free to look after those widows who are alone in the world. **(Phillips Translation)**

[16] I will again say: If any man or woman who is a follower of the Lord has widowed relatives who are in need, it is their responsibility to help them, instead of expecting the church to do so. Then the church can help those widows who are truly destitute and have no one to help them. **(The Last Days Bible)**

Additional Information: Many Greek manuscripts and early versions have "Christian man or woman." A few manuscripts have "Christian woman."

1 TIMOTHY CHAPTER 5

VERSES 17-18

1 Timothy 5: [17] ¶ Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine. [18] For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn (Deuteronomy 25:4). And, The labourer is worthy of his reward (Luke 10:7). (King James Version)

¹⁷Elders who do their work well should be paid well, especially those who work hard at both preaching and teaching. ¹⁸For the Scripture says, “Do not keep an ox from eating as it treads out the grain.” And in another place, “Those who work deserve their pay! **(New Living Translation)**

[17] Older leaders who do their work well should be given twice as much pay, and for sure, those who work hard preaching and teaching. **[18]** The Holy Writings say, “When a cow is walking on the grain to break it open, do not stop it from eating some” (Deuteronomy 25:4), and “A person who works should be paid.” (Matthew 10:10; Luke 10:7). **(The New Life Testament)**

[17] Pastors who do good work as leaders of the congregation must be given the honor they deserve and also some pay, especially those who work hard spreading the Good News and teaching the Bible. **[18]** After all, the Bible says, “You mustn’t tie up the mouth of the ox that is beating the grain off the stalks”, and “The worker must be paid for his work.” **(New Testament in Everyday American English)**

Additional Information: (Verse 17) – “Elders.” It may be possible to translate the term by the phrase “the (older) men in charge of the congregation” (Helps for Translators, p. 51).

1 TIMOTHY CHAPTER 5

VERSES 19-20

1 Timothy 5: [19] Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses. [20] Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear. (King James Version)

¹⁹Do not listen to complaints against an elder unless there are two or three witnesses to accuse him. ²⁰Anyone who sins should be rebuked in front of the whole church so that others will have a proper fear of God. **(New Living Translation)**

¹⁹Don’t listen to any charge against a church leader, unless at least two or three people bring the same charges. ²⁰But if any of the leaders should keep on sinning, they must be corrected in front of the whole group, as a warning to everyone else.

(Contemporary English Version)

¹⁹Don’t listen to complaints against the pastor unless there are two or three witnesses to accuse him. ²⁰If he has really sinned, then he should be rebuked in front of the whole church so that no one else will follow his example. **(The Living Bible)**

Take no notice of charges brought against an elder unless they can be substantiated by proper witnesses. If sin is actually proved, then the offenders should

be publicly rebuked as a salutary warning to others. (verses 19-20) **(Phillips Translation)**

[19] Don't pay any attention to an accusation against a pastor unless it is brought by two or three witnesses. **[20]** Those who are found to be sinning are to be rebuked in front of the whole congregation, so that all others will fear the consequences of doing the same. **(The Last Days Bible)**

Additional Information: (Verse 19) – “before two or three witnesses.” This refers back to Deuteronomy 19:15. Also see 2 Cor. 13:1 in the New Testament.

(Verse 20) – Modern congregations that ignore church discipline do so at the peril of both the offender and themselves (Bible Knowledge Commentary, p.744).

1 TIMOTHY CHAPTER 5

VERSES 21-22

1 Timothy 5: [21] I charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality. [22] Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure. (King James Version)

²¹I solemnly command you in the presence of God and Christ Jesus and the holy angels to obey these instructions without taking sides or showing special favor to anyone. ²²Never be in a hurry about appointing an elder. Do not participate in the sins of others. Keep yourself pure. **(New Living Translation)**

²¹In the presence of God and Christ Jesus and their chosen angels, I order you to follow my instructions! Be fair with everyone, and don't have any favorites. ²²Don't be too quick to accept people into the service of the Lord by placing your hands on them. **(Contemporary English Version)**

²¹I solemnly command you in the presence of God and the Lord Jesus Christ and of the holy angels to do this whether the pastor is a special friend of yours or not. All must be treated exactly the same. ²²Never be in a hurry about choosing a pastor; you may overlook his sins, and it will look as if you approve of them. Be sure that you yourself stay away from all sin. **(The Living Bible)**

I solemnly charge you in the sight of God and Christ Jesus and the holy angels to follow these orders with the strictest impartiality and to have no favourites. Never be in a hurry to ordain a man by laying your hands upon him, or you may be making yourself responsible for the sins of others. Be careful that your own life is pure. (verses 21-22) **(Phillips Translation)**

[21] I call on God and the Lord Jesus Christ and the elect angels to be my witnesses as I earnestly charge you to follow these instructions without showing favoritism to anyone. You are to give special consideration to no one! **[22]** Never be in a hurry to ordain a man or call a pastor. Don't have any part in the sins of others by calling or ordaining men to work for God who are living in sin. Keep yourself absolutely pure in this regard. **(The Last Days Bible)**

1 TIMOTHY CHAPTER 5

VERSE 23

1 Timothy 5: [23] Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities. (King James Version)

[23] Go ahead and drink a little wine, for instance; it's good for your digestion, good medicine for what ails you. **(The Message)**

[23] Stop drinking only water; in view of your frequent ailments take a little wine to help your digestion. **(The Revised English Bible)**

[23] Timothy, you have been drinking only water. Stop doing that, and drink a little wine. This will help your stomach, and you will not be sick so often. **(The Easy-to-Read New Testament)**

[23] Because of your stomach trouble and your many other illnesses, you must stop drinking water, and drink a little wine instead. **(New Testament in Everyday American English)**

1 TIMOTHY CHAPTER 5

VERSES 24-25

1 Timothy 5: [24] Some men's sins are open beforehand, going before to judgment; and some men they follow after. [25] Likewise also the good works of some are manifest beforehand; and they that are otherwise cannot be hid. (King James Version)

²⁴ Some people get caught in their sins right away, even before the time of judgment. But other people's sins don't show up until later. ²⁵ It is the same with good deeds. Some are easily seen, but none of them can be hidden. **(Contemporary English Version)**

²⁴ Remember that some men, even pastors, lead sinful lives, and everyone knows it. In such situations you can do something about it. But in other cases only the judgment day will reveal the terrible truth. ²⁵ In the same way, everyone knows how much good some pastors do, but sometimes their good deeds aren't known until long afterward. **(The Living Bible)**

[24] The sins of some people are obvious as they go ahead of them to judgment, but the sins of others follow them there. **[25]** Similarly, anyone can also see good works, and even when they cannot be seen, they cannot stay hidden. **(God's Word to the Nations)**

[24] The sins of some men are clear. They are punished now. The sins of others appear later. **[25]** In the same way, good deeds are clear. Even secret good deeds cannot be hidden. **(The Simple English Bible)**

[24] The sins of some people are obvious, being known by the public before they face the Day of Judgment. But the sins of others won't be known until they are uncovered on Judgment Day. **[25]** The same is true with good deeds. The good deeds of some people can be seen by everyone. But the good deeds not seen won't be hidden forever. **(The Last Days Bible)**

Additional Information: (Verses 24-25) - The thought seems to be that some people's sins are so obvious, that they appear, as it were, at the Judgment before the people who committed them get there. These people already stand judged even before the final judgment. But the sins of others are

seen only at the Judgment, during the person's lifetime they are hidden from the knowledge of others. What is true of sins is true also of good deeds. (Helps for Translators, p. 54).

(Verse 25) – On Judgment Day all who have obeyed and served the Lord faithfully (both the well-known persons and the unknown) will be rewarded by the Lord. We will no doubt be surprised at the great rewards received by persons no one ever heard of (2 Cor. 5:10) (The Last Days Bible).

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

(1 Timothy Chapter 5)

Instructions for Group Leader: Do not let the group read the following questions and answers. The leader of your group should ask the group the following questions and encourage the group to discover the answers by going to the appropriate Scriptures. **Discuss and answer (as a group) the questions correctly by using the Scripture(s). Turn to 1 Timothy Chapter 5.**

1. **Read 1 Timothy 5:1-2.** Younger people are to honor older people and deal with them respectfully. True or False.
2. **Read 1 Timothy 5:3-4.** In the New Testament widows in real need were supported by: a. the government. b. their families. c. the church.
3. **Read 1 Timothy 5:5-6.** Widows who were running around, gossiping and seeking only pleasure should not be supported by the church. True or False.
4. **Read 1 Timothy 5:7-8.** A Christian who did not take care of a widow in his immediate family was acting worse than a heathen. True or False.
5. **Read 1 Timothy 5:9-10.** For widows to be on a list and supported by the church they had to meet certain requirements. True or False.

6. **Read 1 Timothy 5:11-13.** Younger widows were not to be put on the church's list. True or False.
7. **Read 1 Timothy 5:14-15.** Younger widows were to re-marry, have children, manage their homes well and give the enemy no opportunity for slander. True or False.
8. **Read 1 Timothy 5:16.** As a general rule Christians who have widows in their family should do everything possible for them so they do not become the church's responsibility. True or False.
9. **Read 1 Timothy 5:16.** The church should help widows who are truly destitute and have no one to help them. True or False.
10. **Read 1 Timothy 5:17-18.** Elders who work well should be paid well. True or False.
11. **Read 1 Timothy 5:19.** Don't listen to any charge against a church leader unless there are at least two or three people bringing the same charge. True or False.
12. **Read 1 Timothy 5:20.** Church elders (pastors) who sin should be corrected in front of the whole church as a warning to everyone else. True or False.
13. **Read 1 Timothy 5:21-22.** Never be in a hurry to ordain a man by laying your hands upon him. True or False.
14. **Read 1 Timothy 5:21-22.** Don't have any part in the sins of others by calling or ordaining men to work for God who are living in sin. True or False.
15. **Read 1 Timothy 5:23.** Paul advised Timothy to take a little wine for his stomach as a medicine. True or False
16. **Read 1 Timothy 5:24.** The sins of some people are obvious, being known by the public before they face: a. their mother-in-law. b. a firing squad. c. the Day of Judgment.
17. **Read 1 Timothy 5:25.** Good deeds not seen won't be hidden forever. True or False.

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