

October 18, 2015  
Sermon  
Lesson 18  
1 Timothy 5:9-16

## SHOWING GODLINESS TOWARD OTHERS IN THE BODY OF CHRIST—PART II

*Main Idea: We need to support our widows!*

- We need to honor our widows (5:3)
  - Honor your mother and father (Ex 20:12; Deut 5:16)
  - Encourage older women as mothers (1 Tim 5:2)
- We need to honor our “widows indeed”/“enrolled on the list” (5:3, 5, 9-16)
  - Qualifications
    - ✦ Positive
      - Sets her hope on God (5)
      - Continues in supplication and prayer (5)
      - Wife of one husband (a “one-man-woman”) (9)
      - Reputation for good works (10)
      - Has raised children (10)
      - Has shown hospitality (10)
      - Has washed the feet of saints (10)
      - Has cared for the afflicted (10)
      - Has devoted herself to every good work (10)
      - Has made a pledge to say single and to serve (12)
    - ✦ Negative
      - No relatives to support her (4, 8, 16)
      - Not self-indulgent (5)
      - Not less than 60 years of age (9)
      - Not a young widow (11-15)
  - Duties
    - ✦ Young widows: marry, bear children, manage households, give adversary no occasion for slander (14-15)
- Responsibilities of caregivers (church and family)
  - For widows: families of widows (16b)
  - For “widows indeed”: the Church (3-4, 16a)