

## The Order of Widows

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1 Timothy 5:1-16

- I. Subsidiarity (1 Timothy 4:10)
- II. Christians should *at least* be doing what most non-Christians know to be right
  - A. Filial piety (Exodus 20:12; Romans 13:1)
  - B. "Natural" in the best sense (Mark 7:9-13)
- III. The goodness of work (Genesis 2:15; 2 Thessalonians 3:10-11)
- IV. The church must be above reproach
  - A. Church "orders" (Titus 1:5).
  - B. Individuals in the church
- V. Eyes open to human nature
  - A. "Spare" time and energy
  - B. The world is attractive (Luke 8:14)
  - C. Sins of the tongue
- VI. Honorable people should be honored
  - A. Proven character and public honor are connected (Proverbs 26:1).
  - B. Character before honor (1 Timothy 2:15; 3:2; John 13:14; Genesis 19:2)
- VII. Uses
  - A. Those in need should be cared for by their families
  - B. When we face a need, we consider what is true and good
  - C. Christians: stand tall