

Coming Home to the House of God

1 Timothy 5:1-3

1 Timothy: Living Out Love in the Local Church

Coming to church is like a homecoming! We are in God's family, and this is God's house. Welcome home!

Introduction:

1.) Jesus taught that we are a _____, Mark 3:31-35; Mark 10:28-31.

2.) "Intreat:" The Big Word, *Parakaleo*. It means to _____ someone and build them up to continue in the faith.

a. God the Father is our God of all _____ (*paraklēsis*), 2 Cor. 1:3

b. The Holy Spirit is our _____ or Paraklete (*parakletos*), John 14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7.

c. Jesus Christ as our _____ (*parakletos*), 1 John 2:1

d. The _____ was written for our encouragement (*paraklēsis*). Romans 15:4; ... that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

3.) "Intreat:" The Main Emphasis of *Parakaleo*:

a. _____: to continue faithful with the day approaching; Hebrews 10:25.

b. _____: God gives us relief in our grief; 2 Cor.1:4; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation...

- The Gospel of grace ought to be on display in the church to all people. Timothy crosses both generational lines, there are young and old in the church, and gender distinctions, there are men and women in the church. These distinctions still exist very obviously today.
- **Here is how to encourage (*parakaleo*) one another in our family:**

1. **Elder men:** encourage them _____, v.1a

• Rebuke is a sharp and severe word that conveys a lack of love (Titus 2:2)

2. **Younger men:** encourage them as _____, v.1b (Titus 2:6)

3. **Elder women:** encourage them with _____, v.2a; (Titus 2:3-4)

4. **Younger women:** encourage them as a _____, v.2b (Titus 2:4-5)

5. **Widows:** encourage them with _____
(material or financial support), vv.3-16

- God is a defender and provider for the fatherless and widows, Exodus 22:22; Deut. 10:18; 14:28,29; 24:17; 24:19; 26:12,13; Is. 1:17; James 1:27.
- Paul's major concern and central purpose in this difficult passage is this: to differentiate which widows the church _____, and which widows they _____ (vv.3-16).
- There are three kinds of widows Paul discusses:
 - A. Some widows were without any family support and should be cared for _____ (v.3,5, 9-10).
 - B. Some widows with family support should be cared for _____, (vv.4, 7-8,16).
 - C. Some widows were younger and were taking advantage of the church, and _____ (v.6, 11-15).

