

Widows in the Church

1 Timothy 5:3-16

1 Timothy: Living Out Love in the Local Church, part 16

- We love one another because _____ we are true family members; but we also love those who have no family.
- God is a _____ 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 central purpose in this difficult passage is this: to differentiate which widows the church should _____, and which widows they _____ (vv.3-16).
- There was a permanent enrollment of widows for _____ and _____ to which the church & widow were mutually responsible, v.9, 16.
- With an important reason for everything he writes, Paul discusses three kinds of widows:

1. Some widows should be cared for by the _____, vv.3,5,9,10,16

- Three reasons to “honor ... widows indeed” and enroll them for church relief. They were...
A. _____, “desolate,” v.5a

B. _____, v.5,10.

(1) Trusting in God, v.5b; (2) Continuing in prayers, v.5c; (3) The wife of one man, v.9b; (4) Reputation for good works, v.10a; (5) Brought up her children, v.10b; (6) She demonstrated hospitality, v.10c; (7) Relieved the afflicted, v.10d; (8) Life characterized by diligence, v.10e.

C. _____ (at least 60), v.9a

2. Some widows should be cared for by their _____, vv.4, 7-8,16

- Family members have a responsibility to provide material “reward and relief” for their widowed mother (v.4,16). It is...

A. _____, v.4

B. _____, v.4

C. _____, vv.7-8

D. _____, v.15

3. Some (younger) widows should be _____ vv.6, 11-15

- Their behavior threatened and assaulted the very life of the church. They were...

A. _____, v. 6,11

- The root of “wax wanton” describes the immorality and luxury of the **WORLDLY CULTURE** of Babylon, the globalist empire, Rev.18:7,9.

B. _____, v.11

C. _____, v.12

D. _____, v.13

E. _____, v.15

1.) They “WANDERED” like the VAGABOND Jewish exorcists in Ephesus, Acts 19:13; Titus 1:11.

2.) They were “BUSYBODIES” spreading the _____ doctrines of demons in the church as in their former paganism (used only in Acts 19:19, “CURIOUS ARTS,” 2 Tim.3:6-9).

- _____ could save them from this ungodly direction, v.14 (1 Tim.2:15)

