

I Timothy

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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. 5 Now she who is a widow indeed and who has been left alone, has fixed her hope on God and continues in entreaties and prayers night and day. 6 But she who gives herself to wanton pleasure is dead even while she lives. 7 Prescribe these things as well, so that they may be above reproach. 8 But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

9 A widow is to be put on the list only if she is not less than sixty years old, having been the wife of one man, 10 having a reputation for good works; and if she has brought up children, if she has shown hospitality to strangers, if she has washed the saints' feet, if she has assisted those in distress, and if she has devoted herself to every good work. 11 But refuse to put younger widows on the list, for when they feel sensual desires in disregard of Christ, they want to get married, 12 thus incurring condemnation, because they have set aside their previous pledge. 13 At the same time they also learn to be idle, as they go around from house to house; and not merely idle, but also gossips and busybodies, talking about things not proper to mention. 14 Therefore, I want younger widows to get married, bear children, keep house, and give the enemy no occasion for reproach; 15 for some have already turned aside to follow Satan. 16 If any woman who is a believer has dependent widows, she must assist them and the church must not be burdened, so that it may assist those who are widows indeed. NASU

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What are some requirements for a widow to be put on *the list* (of widows)? [5:9-10](#); see 5:12b

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What was the preference for a young widow? [5:14](#); 3:7; [Prov.31:10-31](#)

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How are we to address *discipline of men* in the church? 5:1; IITim.2:24-25; see **Mt.18:15-18**

No sharp rebuke for an older man; appeal as a father. Younger men like brothers.

How are we to address discipline of women in the church? 5:2; **Ex.20:12; Prov.6:25**

Treat older women as (your) mother; younger women as sisters, w/purity (sexually).

Why does Paul require special support for widows? 5:3; James 1:27; **Ex.22:22-24; Deut.27:19**

They were forbidden to work outside the home. Totally dependent on husband/family.

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They must be truly widowed (without support). If she has family, they are to support her.

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She's truly alone (for whatever reason). She is obviously Godly, not 'pleasure seeking'.

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God requires family to do the supporting! To not provide = deny the faith! Testimony??

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They pledged to serve the church as a group. The list of widows had a unique ministry.

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Over 60, 'one-man woman', good reputation, raised children, hospitable, all good works.

Why the age limit? 5:9; **11-14**; ICor.7:39;

The drives of youth will lead to setting aside their pledge (the list). Similar to young men

What was the preference for a young widow? **5:14**; 3:7; **Prov.31:10-31**

Get married, bear children, manage the house, and be above reproach. Not command!

What is any (believing) woman's responsibility? 5:16; **Mt.15:1-9**

If she has dependent (within family) widows she must care for them. Church is 'last'.