

I Timothy 5:1-16
Loving as a Family

RESPECT (1-2)

- Older men – as fathers (exhort and do not rebuke) (Exodus 20:12)
- Younger men – as brothers (Psalm 133:1)
- Older women – as mothers
- Younger women – as sisters (absolute purity) (Ephesians 5:3)

RESPONSIBILITY (3-8)

Family

- Caring for the elderly (not just financial) (Leviticus 19:32)
- Children & grandchildren included (I Thessalonians 2:7, 11-12)
- Conforming to the faith
 - Not caring for family is to deny the faith (Psalm 27:3; 78:3-7)
 - Not caring for family is worse than being an unbeliever (I Cor. 5:1)

Widows

- Put their hope in God (Dt. 10:18 / Psalm 68:5 / James 1:27)
- Pray continually (I Thess. 5:17)
- Pursuing pleasure would mean they were already dead (II Timothy 3:4)

REPUTATION (9-15)

Older widows – to be put on the widows list

- Over 60
- One man woman
- Outwardly known for good deeds (I Timothy 2:10)
 - Having raised children
 - Hospitable (I Peter 4:9)
 - Humbly washing the feet of the saints
 - Helping those in trouble
 - Heart devoted to doing good

Younger widows

- Marry – to not give in to sensual temptation and break your vow (I Cor. 7:9)
- Make babies – to not become idle
- Manage your own home – to not become a gossip or a busybody (Titus 2:4-5)

Discussion questions for I Timothy 5:1-16)

How do we show respect? What things should we say and do to show respect? (Deuteronomy 5:16 / Leviticus 19:32 / Job 29:21-22 / Philippians 2:3-4)

Why is caring for your family such a big priority? (Genesis 1:26-28 / Malachi 2:13-15 / Ephesians 5:31=6:4)

How can women earn a good reputation according to Scripture? (I Corinthians 7:9 / Titus 2:4-5)
How does this differ from our culture?