

# Notes & Quotes

## 1 Timothy 5:3-16

### Four Questions to Ponder

- \*The Church has to CARE . . .
- \*The Church has to be FLEXIBLE . . .
- \*The Church has to use WISDOM . . .
- \*The Church has to ORGANIZE . . .

### Five Questions to Ask

**Question #1.** Does the widow in need have other family who are able to help? (vs. 4,8)

**Question #2.** Do they live to serve God or their own pleasures? (Vs. 5-7)

**Question #3.** Is the faithful widow nearing the end of her life? (vss. 9,10)

**Question #4.** Is there a potential better path forward for young widows? (vss. 11-15)

**Question #5.** Are there other women available in the church to care for them (vs. 16) ?

# Life Group Growth Guides

## PASSAGE FOR STUDY

1 Timothy 5:3-16

## THIS WEEK'S TAKE HOME TRUTH

*How we care  
for the  
MOST  
vulnerable  
MOST  
clearly  
reveals the  
character of*

*our faith.*  
recognition to  
those widows who  
are really in need .  
. . . <sup>8</sup> Anyone who  
does not provide  
for their relatives,  
and especially for  
their own  
household, has  
denied the faith  
and is worse than  
an unbeliever.  
1 Timothy

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## Opener



## First Look



## Digging Deeper



## Life Change

Welcome Back to Life Groups! Take a few minutes in your group and briefly share what's new in your life. What was the highlight of your summer? What was one challenge? What one thing are you most excited for this fall?

**Look at 1 Timothy 5:1-16.** How many verses are given to demonstrate how Timothy should interact with older men? Younger men? Older and younger women? Why do you think Paul devotes such a large number of verses to the issue of handling the care of widows? (c. Acts 6:1-7) What might have contributed to the early church having so many widows in need? What might be some of the differences in our current church and culture today? Do you think we have allowed the government to replace the church in caring for the needy? Yes or No. Why? What about the future?

What new policy change is Paul exhorting Timothy towards in regards to caring for the widows? We all have limited resources in a world with unlimited needs; how we do we discern the best way to help people?

**Read Genesis 1:26,27.** A Christian ought to think differently in regards to the most vulnerable in our society. Why? This was established clearly, concisely, and repeatedly in the first chapter of the Bible. What are the implications of the "Image Deo" in our worldview towards the weak, poor, elderly, unborn and disabled? How does this contrast with how other world religions view the vulnerable?

**Read James 1:23-27.** We are told two things make our "religion" pure and undefiled. What are those two things? What is so "pure" about helping the most vulnerable in our society? How does "visiting" the widows and orphans in their distress fit into the large context of vss. 23-27?

**Read Galatians 6:7-10.** We are commanded to do good to everyone but especially to those inside the Church? Why would care within the Body take precedent over those outside the Church?

**\*Prayer Time . . .** Take a few minutes and share one area where you need the Spirit's work in your life and/or your family's life this week. Pray for those who are in need of support in our community.