

Widows Indeed (II)

1 Tim 5:11-16

Widow: a woman whose husband died.

- I. God the Father of fatherless and judge of widows.
- II. God provides for widows by means of tithe and *forgotten sheaf*.
- III. God blesses those who help and honor widow
- IV. God rebukes and punishes those who hurt widows
- V. Widows are object of Christ's tender compassion
- VI. Widows were not forgotten in early church.

1 Timothy 5:3

Honour widows: revere, venerate, pay respect, show deference,

Widows Indeed. Truly widows

1 Timothy 5:4

Nephews: Greek—linear descendents.

...let them learn first to show piety at home, Showing devotion to God.

Them: children/grandchildren

requite their parents: Demonstrate appreciation to pay them back.

for that is good and acceptable before God. Pleasing to God.

1 Timothy 5:5

Qualifications

1. Desolate. Alone, no children or grandchildren to support her.

2. Faithful Testimony---

trusteth in God... fixed hope on God

continueth in supplications.. prayer for personal needs

and prayers... worship, outpourings of soul.

Night and day... her prayer time is not a now and then... Luke 2:36-37

1 Timothy 5:6 But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth.

Pleasure: lives luxuriously

Dead while she liveth; Lost real meaning and purpose of life

1 Timothy 5:7-8

Provide: think of it beforehand

His own household...near relatives

Deny: contradict, refuse

Faith: what believe as Christian

Infidel: no faith...unbeliever

...fallen below standards of heathen without Christ!

3. At least 60 years of age.

1 Timothy 5:9

Not likely want to remarry!

Taken into the number: enrolled; put on list,

4. Good marriage record. **having been the wife of one man,**

Can't be divorced.

5. Reputation of Good Works.

1 Timothy 5:10

Well reported of: born witness to; good name

Manifestation good works

- a. Brought up children
- b. Hospitality.
- c. Foot washing.
- d. Relieved afflicted.
- e. Always looking for opportunities to serve.

1 Timothy 5:11

Work of "staff widow" require whole-hearted devotion.

Commitment—to serve in ministry.

Younger widows: youthful, new

Refuse: reject, decline

Wax wanton: feel impulses of sexual desire.

Grow restless with desire;

Their unruly desire withdraws them from serving Christ in His church and is therefore against Him.

Against Christ: what promised when signed up

They will marry: bent/focused on getting married.

1 Timothy 5:12

Damnation: judgment, condemnation, violated conscience

Cast off: to do away with something laid down or prescribed; make void;

First faith: pledge, promise, commitment.

Reneged on pledge/commitment.

Paul's motive:

1. Concern for young widows' future.
2. Concern for future of church.

1 Timothy 5:13

And withal: not only this...besides this...

They learn: get into habit

To be idle: lazy, having no value or significance; move slowly and aimlessly; squander time.

Wandering: making a circuit of the houses;

Going about aimlessly and without purpose; as if completely disoriented without sanity; as in delirium

tattlers: to utter nonsense; talk idly; prate; make empty charges;

busybodies: get into someone else's' business; gossip or meddle;

Rule: never speak evil of another brother. James 4:11

Rule: never get involved in anything which has to do with gossip, slander, maligning or tale bearing.

Leviticus 19:16 Proverbs 11:13

Separates: Proverbs 17:9

Hurts: Proverbs 18:8

le. R.G. LeTorneau was for many years an outstanding Christian businessman—
Six Articles of Wesley's Covenant

1. Not listen or willingly inquire after ill concerning one another;
2. If we do hear any ill of each other, we will not be forward to believe it.
3. As soon as possible we will communicate what we hear by speaking or writing to the person concerned;
4. Until we have done this, we will not write or speak a syllable of it to any other person;
5. Neither will we mention it, after we have done this, to any other person;
6. We will not make any exception to any of these rules unless we think ourselves absolutely obliged in conference.

13...speaking things which they ought not. Saying things they shouldn't say.

Proverbs 20:19

Strife: Proverbs 26:20

Hatred in heart:: Proverbs 26:24

Paul saying, Let's not take a chance.

1 Timothy 5:14

- It is scriptural for younger widows to remarry.
- The Elder woman who was to be wife of one husband could've remarried after spouse died.

bear children, have children; rear children; 1 Timothy 2:15

guide the house, manage, rule. Her home is her domain.

All of her womanly qualities and gifts find full play and happiest gratification in the home.

give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully.

Those opposed to faith have no grounds to attack.

No occasion to slander or reproach faith.

Adversary: to set over against, lie, oppose, be adverse to.

Referring to another human being.

1 Timothy 5:15

Paul aware of some casualties.

1 Timothy 5:16

Relieve them: avail themselves to them; help them

and let not the church be charged; needlessly burdened when family members should be doing the job.

that it may relieve them that are widows indeed. Church able to meet needs of truly qualified widows.

Steps:

1. Trial—loss of husband
2. Commitment—life surrendered to Christ
3. Lose focus—backslide, wax wanton
4. Renig on decisions—cast off first faith
5. Learn to be spiritually lazy—idle
6. Without purpose—become disoriented spiritually, wandering...
7. Verbally doing damage—tattlers, busybodies
8. Bad name—cause of Christ. Adversary speaks reproachfully.
9. Go off deep end—turn aside after Satan.

So What?

Process

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