

Paul's 1st Letter to

Timothy

Chapter 5

Duties for the Officers in the Church

Divinely Authorized

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God,
and is profitable
for doctrine,
for reproof,
for correction,
for instruction
in righteousness.

What's right
What's not right
How to get right
How to stay right

2 Timothy 3:16

Theopneustos God-breathed

Organization of the Epistles

1st Timothy:

- 1) Faith of the church; doctrine
- 2) Order of the church
- 3) Officers of the church
- 4) Apostasy that was coming
- 5-6) Duties of the officers

2nd Timothy:

- 1) Afflictions of the church
- 2) Activity of the church
- 3-4) Allegiance of the church

The Church

- **Holy nation**

- emphasizing believer's common citizenship in heaven 1 Pet 2:9

- **Kingdom**

- emphasizing believer's common submission to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords Rev 5:10

- **Priesthood**

- emphasizing the privilege that all believers have of direct access to God 1 Pet 2:5, 9

- **Vine**

- emphasizing believers' common connection to the life of God to bear fruit John 15:5

The Church

- **Temple**

- emphasizing being built upon the solid foundation of the apostle's doctrine, with Jesus Christ as the chief cornerstone **Eph 2:20-22**

- **A Body**

- emphasizing believers' common life and dependence on their Head, the Lord Jesus Christ **1 Cor 12:12**

- **An Assembly**

- emphasizing believers' common calling to be gathered into the eternal presence of God **Heb 12:23**

The Church

- **A Flock**

- emphasizing believers' common need to be led and fed by the Great Shepherd **1 Pet 5:2-3**

- **A Family**

- emphasizing the intimacy, care, openness, and love **1 Timothy**

Love One Another

A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all *men* know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

John 13:34,35

A “New” Commandment?

- The Greeks had two different words for “new”:
 - *neos*, “new in time”; latest model;
 - *kainos*, “new in quality”; radically different;
- The commandment to “love one another” is not new in time, but it is new in character. In Christ it now takes on a new meaning:
 - New in Emphasis 1 John 2:7
 - New in Example 1 John 2:8
 - New in Experience 1 John 2:9-11

Spiritual Family at Ephesus

- Sinning members had abandoned truth and godliness 1:5-6; 2:8
- Some had shipwrecked their faith 1:9
- Some women had abandoned their proper role and were trying to usurp the function of men 2:9-15
- Some men were aspiring to leadership without adequate qualifications 3:1-13 cf. 5:19-22
- Some were teaching demonic false doctrines 4:1-5; 6:3-5
- Impure lives were evident among some of the older widows and some of the younger 5:6-7, 11-13
- Ephesus was not an easy place to minister.
 - Are there any “easy” places?

Discipline

- OT: 2 Sam 7:14; Job 5:17; Eze 2:3-6
 - Leads to understanding Pro 15:32
 - Knowledge Pro 19:25
 - Wisdom Pro 15:31; 29:15
 - Honor Pro 13:18
 - Happy life Pro 6:23
- NT: Matt 18:15-18; 2 Thes 3:6-16; 2 Tim 2:23-26;
Rom 16:17-18; 2 John 9-11; Gal 6:1-3;
Titus 3:10, 1 Cor 5; 2 Cor 2:6-11
- Purpose: *to save the offender*. Sin needs to be dealt with because it disrupts the intimacy in a family. 1 Cor 5:6-7, 9-10, 11, 13

1st Timothy

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Rebuke not an elder, but intreat *him* as a father;
and the younger men as brethren;

1 Timothy 5:1

- Treat elder members with the same respect you would show to a father
- We must show love and serve all, regardless of ages.
- Not show partiality

1 Tim 5:21

The elder women as mothers; the younger as sisters, with all purity.

1 Timothy 5:2

- Early concern: Acts 6:1; 9:39
- OT Legislation: Deut 10:18; 24:17; Isa 1:17.
- Special care: Deut 14:39; Ps 94:6; Mal 3:5.

Honour widows that are widows indeed.

But if any widow have children or nephews, let them learn first to shew piety at home, and to requite their parents: for that is good and acceptable before God.

1 Timothy 5:3,4

3] Honor thy father and thy mother”

is till there...

Ex 20:12; Eph 6:1-3

4] “Nephews” *ekgonon* = descendants, grandchildren.

Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate,
trusteth in God, and continueth in
supplications and prayers night and day.

But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she
liveth.

And these things give in charge, that they may be
blameless.

1 Timothy 5:5-7

**5] Without human support, and within
the fellowship**

7] Not an idle gossip, etc.

But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.

1 Timothy 5:8

- *A sobering injunction, indeed!*
- *The burden of care should not be placed upon the church if there is immediate family*

Let not a widow be taken into the number under threescore years old, having been the wife of one man,

1 Timothy 5:9

- “Taken in that number”: to be enrolled and put on the list; used for the enrollment of soldiers, etc.

Well reported of for good works; if she have brought up children, if she have lodged strangers, if she have washed the saints' feet, if she have relieved the afflicted, if she have diligently followed every good work.

1 Timothy 5:10

- Cf. Dorcas and her widow friends
Acts 9:36-43
- There is a definite connection between idleness and sin

But the younger widows refuse: for when they have begun to wax wanton against Christ, they will marry;

Having damnation, because they have cast off their first faith.

And withal they learn *to be* idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not.

1 Timothy 5:11-13

I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully.

1 Timothy 5:14

- Those that forego having children because of the “awfulness of the times” should compare the times of Paul’s day!
- “Guide the house” **Prov 31:10-31**
- Each marriage partner has a special sphere of activity
- “Occasion” is military term that means “a base of operations.”

For some are already turned aside after Satan.

1 Timothy 5:16

- Satan is always alert to an opportunity to invade and destroy a Christian home.

If any man or woman that believeth have widows, let them relieve them, and let not the church be charged; that it may relieve them that are widows indeed.

1 Timothy 5:16

- **Widows indeed = widows who are without family.**

Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.

1 Timothy 5:17

- Elders were chosen, ordained, and set aside for the work:

Acts 14:23; 20:17, 28; Titus 1:5

- “Honor” = honorarium
- “double...” = generous pay

For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle
the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The
labourer *is* worthy of his reward. **1 Timothy 5:18**

Deut 25:4; Cf. 1 Cor 9:7-14; Luke 10:7

Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses.

Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear.

1 Timothy 5:19,20

- Caution # 1: be sure of the facts...
- Do everything openly.

I charge *thee* before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality.

Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure.

1 Timothy 5:21,22

- Laying on of hands indicates a partnership in ministry. Be cautious...

1 Tim 4:14

Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities.

1 Timothy 5:23

- Abstinence not required; but there's no excuse for abuse and immoderation in *anything*...

Some men's sins are open beforehand, going before to judgment; and some *men* they follow after.

Likewise also the good works *of some* are manifest beforehand; and they that are otherwise cannot be hid.

1 Timothy 5:24,25



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