

PAUL TO A "T" 1 TIMOTHY 5

Pray and ask God to help you to know Him better as you study His Word.

Read the Bible passage (preferably without using commentaries).

Begin to answer the questions using your own words.

Questions are based on New International Version (NIV) 1984 edition.

Lesson 16 • 1 Timothy 5 • February 15, 2012

1. What truth, verse or insight from last week's study of **1 Timothy 4** has been helpful to you?

SECTION I: Read **1 Timothy 5:1-10, 16**

2. a) According to **V1**, how was Timothy to treat the older man and younger men in the church?

b) In **V2**, how was he to treat the older and younger women in the church?

c) How might the church look different if we viewed and treated other believers as members of our family?
3. a) From **V3** and **V5**, who is deserving of proper recognition, and what does her life look like?

b) Who should care for the widows and why (**V4, V8, V16**)?
4. a) In addition to being "really in need," what are the additional marks of a widow that the church should support (**V9-10**)? Comment on one of them.

4. b) How do you explain the difference between the woman in **V6** and the widow described in **V9-10**?
- c) Just as Timothy had to exercise discernment about who should receive the support of the church, we must discern to whom we should give support. How do you make that decision?

SECTION II: Read 1 Timothy 5:11-15

5. a) From **V11-13**, what are the reasons Paul gives for not providing support to younger widows?
- b) What, if anything, competes in your life with your dedication to Christ?
- c) Why do you think Paul was so concerned with preventing gossip and slander?
6. a) From **V14-15**, what does Paul counsel the younger widows to do?
- b) When you are idle or have too much time on your hands, what temptations do you face? What are some things you could do to combat these temptations and honor God with your spare time?

SECTION III: Read 1 Timothy 5:17-25

7. a) From **V17**, what are the roles of the elders who are worthy of double honor?
- b) Summarize how these elders are to be treated according to **V18-20**?

8. How is Timothy to carry out Paul's instructions (**V21**)?

9. If **V22** relates to the selection of elders, what do you think it means?

10. What more do you learn about Timothy from **V23**?

11. Write a spiritual truth from **V24-25**.

12. Formulate a prayer for those in your midst who are in need and ask God to give you wisdom in how you're to respond.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Scripture is full of passages about the blessing and necessity of giving to those in need. Mine for nuggets of truth in these verses and summarize each of them.

Psalms 37:26 _____

Matthew 6:1-4 _____

2 Corinthians 8:14 _____

2 Corinthians 9:7 _____

1 John 3:17 _____

2. Read or skim the book of Ruth. Search for and comment on any interesting examples of Paul's teaching on widows in Chapter 5 as seen in the lives of:

- Naomi
- Ruth
- Boaz

