

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study

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1 Timothy 5:1-16

1. How does 5:1 say that Timothy, or any of us, should treat an older man?
 - a. Let him know that there is a reason that you are in charge and not him.
 - b. Don't rebuke an older man.
 - c. Don't rebuke an older man harshly.
 - d. Exhort (strongly encourage or urge someone to do something) an older man as if he were your father.

2. What about older women and younger women?
 - a. Older women. _____
 - b. Younger women. _____

3. How are you doing with this?
 - a. Good.
 - b. Not so good.
 - c. That why I just mind my business and don't try to tell anybody anything.

4. What would the church look like if we treated each other like family?
 - a. Not too good, considering the way a lot of us treat our family.
 - b. We would treat people with a lot more respect.
 - c. We would respond to people in a way that does not avoid the truth about changes that are needed in order to better reflect God's will for our life, but we would say it in a way that enables us to continue to live together the next day.

5. How does 5:4 we should treat our family when they need support?
 - a. Continue to ask them to support us even into adulthood.
 - b. Put our religion into practice.
 - c. Care for our own family.
 - d. Repay our parents and grandparents, for this is pleasing to God.

6. What does Paul say about widows in verses 5-8?
 - a. The widow who is "really in need and left all alone puts her hope in God and continues night and day to pray and to ask God for help."
 - b. The widow "who lives for pleasure is dead even while she lives."
 - c. "Anyone who does not provide for their own household has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever," so widows who have living family should be provided for!

7. In verses 9-10, Paul lists widows who might need the assistance of the church and be put on the list of those to be helped. What are the attributes of this sort of widow? _____
What counsel does Paul give to younger widows, according to 5:11-14? _____

8. What do you think Paul is trying to accomplish by suggesting these guidelines?
 - a. He is setting up a legalistic standard to be held onto for all time.
 - b. He is making some suggestions based on his experience in the church.
 - c. He is trying to make sure that the church does a good job of taking care of people who don't have anybody else to care for them.
 - d. He is trying to make sure that the church doesn't enable people so that they get involved in sinful and inappropriate activities.

9. What does verse 16 tell us? _____

10. How should we as Christians respond to these instructions? _____