

the We are the Living Picture of God - 1 Timothy
Shepherd's Care is to the Whole Flock - 1Tim. 5:1-16

1 Timothy 5:1-16 ESV

Introduction:

I. Shepherding the full family of God vss. 1-2

- A. Older men
- B. Younger men
- C. Older women
- D. Younger women

II. The care which must be given to widows vss. 3-8

A. Biblical description of widows

Psalm 68:5

Deuteronomy 24:19-21

Deuteronomy 10:12, 18, 14:28-29 the Law's concern for widows

B. Classes of widows found in Ephesus (possibly in other churches too)

- 1. widow truly in need vss. 3,5
- 2. widow known as self-indulgent living for pleasure v. 6
- 3. widow who has children, grandchildren v. 4

C. The church's obligation to those really in need

- 1. give proper recognition v. 3
- 2. teach the church as to how God sees this v. 7
- 3. the church will help those really in need

James 1:27 ,

Acts 6:1-6

III. Concerning the Ephesian widow's list vss. 9-15

- A. Assumptions about the list v. 9
- B. Qualifications to be on the list vss. 9-10
- C. Younger widows excluded from the list vss. 11-15
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Application: Our God cares deeply for all who are His!

Psalm 68: 5

Psalm 68: 19-20

Psalm 103:6

Hebrews 4:15

Do you know Jesus and His amazing care?

Do not rebuke an older man but encourage him as you would a father, younger men as brothers, ² older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, in all purity.

³ Honor widows who are truly widows. ⁴ But if a widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show godliness to their own household and to make some return to their parents, for this is pleasing in the sight of God. ⁵ She who is truly a widow, left all alone, has set her hope on God and continues in supplications and prayers night and day, ⁶ but she who is self-indulgent is dead even while she lives. ⁷ Command these things as well, so that they may be without reproach. ⁸ But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

⁹ Let a widow be enrolled if she is not less than sixty years of age, having been the wife of one husband, ¹⁰ and having a reputation for good works: if she has brought up children, has shown hospitality, has washed the feet of the saints, has cared for the afflicted, and has devoted herself to every good work. ¹¹ But refuse to enroll younger widows, for when their passions draw them away from Christ, they desire to marry ¹² and so incur condemnation for having abandoned their former faith. ¹³ Besides that, they learn to be idlers, going about from house to house, and not only idlers, but also gossips and busybodies, saying what they should not. ¹⁴ So I would have younger widows marry, bear children, manage their households, and give the adversary no occasion for slander. ¹⁵ For some have already strayed after Satan. ¹⁶ If any believing woman has relatives who are widows, let her care for them. Let the church not be burdened, so that it may care for those who are truly widows.