

Lesson 5 - 1 Timothy Chap. 5

The healthy church, the Church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth, will mobilize all its resources for the spiritual fight of the church and will take care of them according to the expectation of God.

Outline of the text:

- 1-2 How to deal with the old and the young
- 3-16 Orders concerning widows
- 17-19 Honor due to elders
- 20-22 Those who sin must be rebuked before all
- 23 Take care of yourself, too
- 24-25 Sins, good works, and judgment

1. Verses 1-2 tell us how we relate to those in the Church, whether young or old. What is the model of behavior towards them? Why does Paul use this model?

How do you relate to those in the Church?

The family remains the main cell of the Church. The love in family relationships must be extended and brought into the Big Family, that is, the Church. A healthy family has healthy family relationships, and a healthy church is made up of healthy families.

2. What is 1 Timothy 5: 3-16 about: the conditions under which a widow is placed on the church's help list, or the inclusion of the widow among the church's servants?

Widows: a burden or a resource? Paul tells us that widows should be a resource in the spiritual struggle of the Church.

3. What are the conditions that a widow must meet in order to be a true widow?

At what age should a woman begin to cultivate these skills and virtues? Is there a common denominator in the activities listed above?

The woman was created with a clear job: to be a suitable helper. Whether it is a man, children, guests, saints, wretches, a woman, in order to become a warrior of God, she must have proved faithful and steadfast in the performance of this service.

4. In verse 8 we are presented with a specific aspect of Christ's strategy for building His Church. What is this?

How does God view the attempt of believers to reward their parents and grandparents for all the care and love with which they raised them? Give practical examples of how you do it.

5. Beginning with v. 17, Paul deals with elders. What do you think Paul means by "double honor"? How do you show this double honor to the elders?

The last part of verse 18 is a direct quote from Jesus in Luke 10: 7. Write in your own words the principle expressed here. How can you contribute to the application of this principle?

Elders who rule well must be respected, doubly honored, and their authority respected. Also, the burden of material existence should be taken off their shoulders, just so that they can focus all their energy and power on the job entrusted to them.

**6. Can an elder sin? Does an elder Have Elder Immunity?
What to do when an elder sins?**

The authority of the elder is directly proportional to his responsibility, because to whom much is given, much is demanded. In the last part of chapter 5, Paul goes on to give Timothy instructions on how to choose the leaders of the church. In v. 22, the expression "to lay hands" refers to choosing or appointing someone to serve in the church. This should not be done in a hurry, but after careful and timely research, without arrangements or bias. Verses 24 and 25 relate to v. 22 and look at choosing the right people for church leadership positions. Good deeds, like sins, will be shown.

7. Paul encourages Timothy to keep himself clean because only in this way could he correct the sin of other people's lives. In what ways can you become a "partaker" of the sins of others?

If even a shadow of impurity is cast upon our character or behavior, then our influence and our testimony as Christians are destroyed.

Do not forget!

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Final application: What are you left with after studying this lesson — what did God say to you personally?

- encouragement that encourages you;
- promises whose fulfillment you pray for;
- examples to follow;
- warnings to keep in mind;
- sins to avoid or confess.
- commands to listen to;

Bring that thing into prayer and apply it in your life.

As a result of this study, I will:

WHAT? _____

HOW? _____

WHEN? _____
