

SOUND WORK IN THE CHURCH

Introduction: In this chapter Paul gives instructions to Timothy on how to work with certain groups of people in the local church when they need special attention to meet their needs. These principles are still valid for churches today.

Lesson Aim: Know the principles that God has given us to help needy people in the church.

Memory Verse: "Be kindly affectionate one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another" (Rom 12:10).

Outline of the Lesson and Questions to Answer:**I. The Church's Care for Its Members — 5:1-2**

1. How should older men be treated? 5:1
2. How should young men be treated? 5:1
3. How should older women be treated? 5:2
4. How should young women be treated? 5:2

II. The Church's Care for Widows — 5:3-16

5. Which women were to be honored (with financial assistance)? 5:3, 9-10
6. Who had the primary responsibility to care for widows? 5:4, 16
7. List the spiritual characteristics of a widow worthy of church support. 5:5
8. What is a person that does not care for widows in his family? 5:8
9. Why were younger women not given financial support from the church? 5:11-13
10. What should young widows do? 5:14

III. The Church's Care for Elders (Pastors) — 5:17-25

11. How are faithful elders to be treated? 5:17
12. How did Paul defend this principle? 5:18; Deut 25:4; Lk 10:7
13. What requirement is needed to accuse an elder? 5:19
14. How should a church deal with an elder that falls into grievous sin? 5:20
15. How should Timothy deal with elders? 5:21
16. Why was Timothy told not to give his approval to any elder quickly? 5:22, 24-25