



## 1 Timothy 5:3-16 (ESV)

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*<sup>5</sup> She who is truly a widow, left all alone, has set her hope on God and continues in supplications and prayers night and day, <sup>6</sup> but she who is self-indulgent is dead even while she lives. <sup>7</sup> Command these things as well, so that they may be without reproach.*

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*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.*

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Timothy 5:3,5 (ESV)

*Honor* - 2 Peter 2:17, Ephesians 6:2

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2. Widows with living relatives

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1 Timothy 5:4 (ESV)

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Timothy 5:6,13 (ESV)

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on a list                      1 Timothy 5:9-13

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1 Timothy 1:8 (ESV)

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*For children are not obligated to save up for their parents, but parents for their children.*

2 Corinthians 12:14 (ESV)

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# **How Should the Church Take Care of Those in Need?**

- Recognize our need to minister to those in grief...they could wander from the faith.

# **How Should the Church Take Care of Those in Need?**

- We are not expected to support everyone in need.

# **How Should the Church Take Care of Those in Need?**

- Teaching that actively serving Christ is a safe life.

## Honoring Christ

*And all who believed were together and had all things in common. 45 And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.*

Acts 2:44-47 (ESV)

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*46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.*

Acts 2:44-47 (ESV)