

Sermon Notes

1 Timothy 5:1-16

This week we began to look at relationships within the family of God. When a person is born again they are placed into the Body of Christ. Since every believer now shares the same Heavenly Father we are all brothers and sisters in Christ. In other words, Christians are now a spiritual family. Therefore, God gives clear instruction for his children to relate to one another in His Church. These instructions not only teach us how to have a great love for one another but also provide a great witness to the world. Knowing how to treat older and younger men as well as older and younger women is paramount to our walk with Jesus Christ. Also taking care of widows, which demonstrates the very heart of God, should also be on the forefront of our minds. After you listen to this week's sermon, engage in the following questions in order to help you grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ.

Here are some notes to review from this week's sermon...

Caring For Your Spiritual Family

1 Timothy 5:1-16

Caring for your spiritual family means...

Treating everyone with godliness and respect (1-2)

Showing compassion and providing financial help when needed (3-8)

Demonstrating wisdom in your stewardship for your witness (9-16)

Hearing the Word of God and responding to Him is extremely important. If you haven't had the chance to listen to the message from this week you can now watch it [HERE](#). After watching, please use the following questions (if you find them helpful) in your BRAVE groups (now online every weekday) or discuss them with your family and/or friends. If you are not in a BRAVE Group now is a great time to get involved. Please email info@bravechurch.online and we will get you connected with a community that will work for you.

Questions

1. Why is it important to learn how to treat everyone in the Body of Christ? How did Jesus want His people to treat one another? How does our relationship to individual members within Christ's Body demonstrate our love and faithfulness to Christ?
2. How should we not treat older men? If older men should not be sharply rebuked, then are older men just allowed to sin without any accountability? How should older men be rebuked in their sin? Why does God provide this instruction? Why is this instruction necessary?

3. How should we treat younger men? What does it mean to treat them as brothers? How does treating someone as a brother differ from a friend? Why does God provide this instruction? Why is this instruction necessary?
4. How should we treat older women? What does it mean to treat them as mothers? Why should we be grateful for mothers? Why should older women in the church be treated as mothers? Why does God provide this instruction? Why is this instruction necessary?
5. How should we treat younger women? What does it mean to treat them as sisters? How is treating younger women as sisters different than as a friend? What does it mean to treat them with all purity? Why does God provide this instruction? Why is this instruction necessary?
6. How much does Jesus Christ care for widows? How do you know? According to James 1:27 what does God value? How did the small offering by the widow in Mark 12 get the attention of Jesus? Why?
7. What were the two conversations Jesus had on the cross? What is the significance that Jesus had a gospel conversation with a convicted criminal and a conversation about his own widowed mother? Why does Jesus tell the disciple whom he loved to take care of his own mother?
8. How much did the early church care for widows? How do you see this played out in Acts 6 & 9? Why did the early church care so much about widows? Why should we care about widows?
9. What is a widow? What are the three kinds of widows? Describe the difference between the fortunate widow, the true widow and the worldly widow? How should the church respond to these three kinds of widows? Why?
10. Why is Timothy being instructed to teach the truth regarding widows? Why should widows be aware of this teaching? Why should church leadership be aware of this teaching? Why should the entire church be aware of this teaching?
11. What does it mean that those who do not take care of their families, especially those of their own household are worse than non-believers? How are we called to take care of widows in our own family? Why is this teaching important?
12. What responsibility do I have while I am living to ensure that my wife is taken care of in the event she becomes a widow? Why should having life insurance or enough wealth be a responsibility of a husband in the event he dies? How does this demonstrate a love for God?
13. Why doesn't the bible discuss widowers? What should a man do if he becomes a widower? Why is providing and protecting the responsibilities of man? If men are

called to be the leaders, providers and protectors of the home, then why do some men make an argument that their wife can make money so they stay home with the kids instead? Why is this argument NOT Biblical?

14. How do we discern who is eligible for ongoing regular support as a widow? In addition to at least being 60 years old, what are some of the character qualities this widow must exhibit? Why are the demonstrations of these character qualities important?
15. What should we encourage for younger widows? Why?
16. Why is simply giving money to solve a spiritual problem NOT a good idea? Why is wisdom for stewardship important? How does good stewardship help our witness for Jesus Christ?
17. How does being obedient to this text of Scripture keep the church from financial difficulties? How does being obedient to this text of Scripture demonstrate the love of Christ to God's people? How does being obedient to this text of Scripture present a good witness to the world?
18. What is your greatest application you need to make based on this week's message? What do you need to begin to do today to make this application a reality?