

Small Group Discussion Questions
Sermon Date: April 28, 2024

Sermon: The Widow List
Passage: 1 Timothy 5:3-8

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Sermon Outline:

3 Clarification Regarding the Support of Widows

1. The Call to Support, v. 3
2. The Criteria for Support, vv. 4-6
3. The Conviction of Support, vv. 7-8

Review Questions:

1. In this context, what does it mean to “honor” (v. 3)?
2. How does a “widow indeed” differ from a “widow”?
3. What are the 3 criteria for a widow to be put on the widow list (vv. 4-6)?
4. In calling children and grandchildren to provide for their own (v. 4), Paul is bringing in a theme that we have seen before in 1 Timothy. What is that theme?
5. Whom are Christians to provide for?
6. The phrase “provide for” (v. 8) means more than just meeting physical needs. What is its deeper meaning?
7. What are the 2 reasons that someone who does not care for his own relatives is worse than an unbeliever (v. 8)?

Discussion Questions:

1. How can you prepare (volitionally and financially) to take care of any future widows indeed in your family (v. 4) or anyone else in your family who has need (vv. 7-8)?
2. Although Paul lists hope and prayer as requirements for widows to be put on the Widow List, these are also general requirements for all believers.
 - a. In what areas of your life do you trust in yourself more than God and His provision?
 - b. How can you improve your prayer life so that you are praying “without ceasing” (1 Thessalonians 5:17)?
3. Just as widows who live lives of “wanton pleasure” indicate spiritual deadness, so all Christians are to avoid such pursuits. Are there any ways that you prioritize material possessions, fun, and/or comfort above the kingdom of God?
4. What further convictions or questions do you have from this passage and/or sermon?