



“Church Ministries for Widows”

1 Timothy 5:9-16

- I. A widow is to be _____ in the widow ministry of the church at the age of 60 or older (5:9).
 - a. What is lost to us is whether the widows’ ministry was _____ with the church giving and receiving or merely a one-way ministry of caring for widows (cf. 5:5-6, 11).

Acts 6:1; Deuteronomy 10:17-19; 24:17-21

- b. The requirement for a widow to be enrolled involves a reputation for having _____ in her younger years (5:10).
- II. Problems occur when _____ women are admitted into widow care and they are subsequently idle, drawn into unspiritual marriage relationships, and abandon the faith (5:11-12).
 - a. In addition to harming themselves, young widows were harming the church _____ through idleness at a young age, which leads to busybodies and gossips (5:13).

- b. Paul’s preference is that younger widows remarry and _____ themselves with rearing a family (5:14-15).
 - c. And in conclusion to the matter, the church should be _____ neither with too-young widows or widows with other outlets of care through family members (5:16).