

Announcements:

- Men's Breakfast on May 25
- Equip Conference in Elk Grove (Roger speaking on Suffering) May 31-June 2
- Membership Class on June 10 at 10 AM
- Q&A on August 11
- Retreat on September 6-8

Small Group Discussion Questions

Sermon Date: May 12, 2024

Sermon: The Widow List, Part 3

Passage: 1 Timothy 5:11-16

Read 1 Timothy 5:11-16

Sermon Outline:

4 Possible Paths of the Widow that All Christians Should Emulate or Avoid

1. *The Path of Commitment*, vv. 9-10
2. The Path of Condemnation, vv. 11-12
3. The Path of Counterproductivity, vv. 13-15
4. The Path of Care, v. 16

Review Questions:

1. What is the difference between the young widow's desire to get married in verse 11 and Paul's recommendation that they marry in verse 14?
2. Explain the sins that Paul connects to the idle young widow.
3. How does getting married, bearing children, and keeping house keep a young widow from bearing reproach and following after Satan?
4. What is Paul's reason for calling on women to support widows in their families in verse 16?

Discussion Questions:

1. In what ways do sinful "sensual desires" negatively affect your Christian walk?
2. What safeguards can Christians put in place to avoid sexual sin?
3. When you have free time, are you more prone to a) find a way to serve biblically, b) rest, or c) pursue worldly (but not necessarily sinful) activities (such as recreational travel, TV, fun, secular work, etc.)? How can you train your heart and mind to default to option A?
4. Why is gossip and being a busybody so tempting? How can we avoid these sins?
5. What biblical pursuits can you fill your time with so that you fulfill your role as a Christian of your gender, age, and station in life?
6. Do you see yourself as someone who is a financially supportive family member of Grace Church of the Bay Area? Explain.