

Small Group Discussion Questions

Sermon Date: May 5, 2024

Sermon: The Widow List, Part 2

Passage: 1 Timothy 5:9-10

Read 1 Timothy 5:9-10

Sermon Outline:

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

1. The Path of Commitment

Review Questions:

1. What is the spiritual meaning of being a “one-man woman” or a “one-woman man”?
2. Explain the difference between practicing good works and having a reputation for good works.
3. Define the word “good” in the phrase “good works”.
4. What does the compound Greek word that is translated to “hospitality” mean?
5. What is the underlying characteristic that Christians are to have when called to wash others’ feet?
6. Explain the word “devoted” in the phrase “devoted...to every good work”.

Discussion Questions:

1. Are you known for being committed to good works for the Lord? If not, why not?
2. How can Christians avoid seeking a reputation for good works simply for the sake of looking good before other Christians?
3. A widow can easily focus too much and too long on herself because of her difficult circumstances. What are some steps you can take now to ensure that you will focus on others rather than yourself during your next trial?
4. Widows on the list were to have raised children in a biblical way. What patterns or priorities of the world were you raised to follow? How have you been able to replace those with biblical values?
5. In what areas of hospitality do you need to grow?
6. Do you shy away from the seemingly lowly or dirty acts of service such as the ancient custom of washing feet? How can we all develop a greater servant’s attitude that is willing to do anything and everything for others?
7. How are you in assisting others in distress? Explain. How can you grow in being more willing to help?
8. Based on Review Question #6, would you consider yourself “devoted...to every good work”? How can you develop a habit of devotion to good works?
9. What further convictions or questions do you have from this passage and/or sermon?