

Sermon Notes

Godly living in the household of God

1 Timothy 5:1-25

Godliness means honouring and caring for those in the household of God, the church family (vv.1-2)

(1) Godliness means honouring and caring for those in need (5.3-16)

- Godly widows should be honoured and cared for (v3)
 - Care from the widow's own family (vv4-8, 16)
 - Care from the widow's church family (vv9-15)
 - Who should be included for support (vv9-10)
 - Who should not be included for support (vv11-15)

Principles / wider applications:

- i. Honouring and caring for those in need in the church family
- ii. Showing compassion *and* exercising discernment
- iii. Concern for truth, godliness and the reputation of the church for the sake of the gospel

(2) Godliness means honouring and caring for the elders (5.17-25)

- Elders who rule well (godly elders who teach the truth) should be honoured (v17)
- Elders who labour in preaching and teaching should be cared for financially (v18)
- Charges of ungodliness against an elder should be handled carefully and very seriously (vv19-21)
- Don't be too hasty in appointing elders (vv22-25)

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