

1 Timothy 5

King James Version (KJV)

(Paul's opinion based on his knowledge of the Gospel)

5 Rebuke not an elder, but intreat him as a father; and the younger men as brethren; (Correct them privately; respect an elder)

²The elder women as mothers; the younger as sisters, with all purity. (As with family members)

³Honour widows that are widows indeed. (A widow who is all alone – no family)

⁴But if any widow have children or nephews, let them learn first to shew piety at home, and to requite their parents: for that is good and acceptable before God. (The family should help her first)

⁵Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusteth in God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day. (She is alone and needs help from God)

⁶But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth. (Self indulgence and living in luxury has no reward in the afterlife. She didn't care about God or anyone but herself. She is spiritually dead)

⁷And these things give in charge, that they may be blameless. (Plant seeds, spiritually. Maybe she'll wake up and get right with God)

⁸But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel. (These are divorced or single men who won't make child support payments to raise their own children. Women who don't raise their own children)

⁹Let not a widow be taken into the number under threescore years old, having been the wife of one man. (This is a woman under 60 years old who is the widow of one man. She is not a church supported widow because she is young enough to meet someone and resume her life. In those days, a woman alone had little chance of survival)

¹⁰Well reported of for good works; if she have brought up children, if she have lodged strangers, if she have washed the saints' feet, if she

have relieved the afflicted, if she have diligently followed every good work. (She is a woman who has helped many people in her life)

¹¹ But the younger widows refuse: for when they have begun to wax wanton against Christ, they will marry; (They will eventually meet a man and remarry. She is a young woman and is still sexually active; it's natural)

¹² Having damnation, because they have cast off their first faith. (It would be bad if she had dedicated her life to the church, and then leaves because she is remarried. She should not have taken that oath in the first place)

¹³ And withal they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not. (Idle hands tend to gossip)

¹⁴ I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully. (She should live a normal, healthy life, above reproach; above sin)

¹⁵ For some are already turned aside after Satan. (Those that don't may fall prey to the evils of the world – porn, perversion, harlotry, drugs)

¹⁶ If any man or woman that believeth have widows, let them relieve them, and let not the church be charged; that it may relieve them that are widows indeed. (Take care of family. Help them if you can. Take them in if they have no place to live)

¹⁷ Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine. (If the elderly do good works in the church for people, let them have a double honor)

¹⁸ For the scripture saith, thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer is worthy of his reward. Deuteronomy-25:4 (Those who work are entitled to receive a fair pay)

¹⁹ Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses. (Listen to both sides of any argument and ask for witnesses. People often lie to get their way)

²⁰Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear. (Discern right from wrong so others will learn- Morally correct, not politically correct. Correct them so that they might wake up and get right with God)

(Example: the sexual and gender perversion of today is not normal and is not right. Political correctness calls it a lifestyle. It's not)

²¹I charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality. (Favoritism is unfair. God treats everyone equally. Do the same)

²²Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure. (Don't take part in other peoples' sins. Don't let peer pressure cause you to fail) (Don't ordain a new preacher without knowing if they are qualified to teach)

²³Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities. (A little wine can cause the nerves in time of stress. A little wine is much healthier than taking pills for stress, unless you are an alcoholic)

²⁴Some men's sins are open beforehand, going before to judgment; and some men they follow after. (Some people sins are so obvious that they are public)

²⁵Likewise also the good works of some are manifest beforehand; and they that are otherwise cannot be hid. (Some people good works are so obvious that they are public)