

Be All You Should Be

1 Timothy 4:1-16

We Need To Be Who God Wants Us To Be

A. Be Aware Of Deceptive Influences (4:1-5)

1. Beware of false spirits (4:1-2)

a. A divine warning (v 1)

John 16:13

1 Corinthians 2:13

b. Deceitful workers (v 1)

2 Timothy 3:13

c. Departed minds (v 2)

Titus 1:6

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A. Be Aware Of Deceptive Influences (4:1-5) - continued

2. Beware of false statutes (4:3)

a. That bring bondage

Galatians 4:9-10

b. That belie belief

Colossians 2:20-21

3. Behold the blessings of God (4:4-5)

a. The way He creates them (v 4)

Genesis 1:31

b. The way He consecrates them (v 5)

Acts 10:14-15

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B. Be Committed To Godliness (4:6-11)

1. Consume the truth (4:6)

a. The effort

Proverbs 4:7

b. The extent

2 Peter 1:3

2. Contend with your mind (4:7-9)

a. Avoid distraction (v 7)

b. Advance desire for godliness (v 8)

c. Adhere to this principle (v 9)

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B. Be Committed To Godliness (4:6-11) - continued

3. Convinced in hope (4:10-11)

a. In the journey (v 10)

Romans 15:13

b. In Jesus (v 10)

Titus 2:13

c. In judgment (v 11)

2 Corinthians 2:15

1 Corinthians 11:31

1 Corinthians 9:27

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C. Be An Example Of Faith (4:12-16)

1. In walk (4:12)

1 Peter 5:3

2. In the Word (4:13)

2 Timothy 2:15

3. In work (4:14)

4. In watching (4:15-16)

Be Responsible
1 Timothy 5:1-25

**We have responsibilities to God as individuals
and as a church**

I. Responsibility To Sinning Members (5:1-2)

1 Timothy 5:1-2

1 Rebuke not an elder, but intreat him as a father; and the younger men as brethren;

2 The elder women as mothers; the younger as sisters, with all purity.

I. Responsibility To Sinning Members (5:1-2)

A. The approach to take

Galatians 6:1-2

1 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

I. Responsibility To Sinning Members (5:1-2)

B. The attitudes to make (5:1-2)

1. With older members

Leviticus 19:32

Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honour the face of the old man, and fear thy God: I am the LORD.

2. With younger members

2 Thessalonians 3:15

14 And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.

15 Yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.

II. Responsibility To Charitable Actions (5:3-16)

1 Timothy 5:3-8

3 Honour widows that are widows indeed.

4 But 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.

5 Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusteth in God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day.

6 But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth.

II. Responsibility To Charitable Actions (5:3-16)

1 Timothy 5:3-8 - continued

7 And these things give in charge, that they may be blameless.

8 But 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.

II. Responsibility To Charitable Actions (5:3-16)

A. Help those truly in need (5:3-8)

1. Church responsibility (v 3)

Galatians 6:10

As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

1 John 3:17

But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

II. Responsibility To Charitable Actions (5:3-16)

A. Help those truly in need (5:3-8) - continued

2. Family responsibility (vv 4, 8)

a. Commitment to God (v 4)

Exodus 20:12

Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

b. Consequence from God (v 8)

Titus 1:15

Unto the pure all things *are* pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving *is* nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.

II. Responsibility To Charitable Actions (5:3-16)

A. Help those truly in need (5:3-8) - continued

3. The needy's responsibility (vv 5-6)

a. Reliance on God (v 5)

Psalm 37:5

Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

b. Respect for God (v 6)

James 5:5

Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter.

II. Responsibility To Charitable Actions (5:3-16)

A. Help those truly in need (5:3-8) - continued

4. The necessity of this teaching (v 7)

2 Timothy 4:1-3

1 I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;

2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine.

3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

II. Responsibility To Charitable Actions (5:3-16)

B. Guidelines for charity (5:9-16)

1. Help widows indeed (vv 9-10)

1 Timothy 5:9-10

9 Let not a widow be taken into the number under threescore years old, having been the wife of one man.

10 Well 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.

a. Their restrictions (v 9)

b. Their report (v 10)

II. Responsibility To Charitable Actions (5:3-16)

B. Guidelines for charity (5:9-16) - continued

2. Young widows refuse for the following (vv 11-16)

a. Potential to turn away from God (vv 11-12)

1 Timothy 5:11-12

11 But the younger widows refuse: for when they have begun to wax wanton against Christ, they will marry;

12 Having damnation, because they have cast off their first faith.

II. Responsibility To Charitable Actions (5:3-16)

B. Guidelines for charity (5:9-16) - continued

2. Young widows refuse for the following (vv 11-16)

b. Potential to cause conflict (v 13)

1 Timothy 5:13

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.

II. Responsibility To Charitable Actions (5:3-16)

B. Guidelines for charity (5:9-16) - continued

2. Young widows refuse for the following (vv 11-16)

c. Potential for a fruitful life exists (v 14)

1 Timothy 5:14

I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully.

II. Responsibility To Charitable Actions (5:3-16)

B. Guidelines for charity (5:9-16) - continued

2. Young widows refuse for the following (vv 11-16)

d. Problems presented (vv 15-16)

1) Church testimony has already been stained (v 15)

1 Timothy 5:15

For some are already turned aside after Satan.

2) Church resources would be strained

1 Timothy 5:16

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.

III. Responsibility To Leadership (5:17-22)

A. In support (5:17-18)

1 Timothy 5:17-18

17 Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.

18 For the scripture saith, thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer is worthy of his reward.

III. Responsibility To Leadership (5:17-22)

B. In spiritual issues (5:19-20)

1 Timothy 5:19-20

19 Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses.

20 Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear.

Deuteronomy 19:10

One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established.

III. Responsibility To Leadership (5:17-22)

C. In subjectivity (5:21)

1 Timothy 5:21

I 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.

James 2:1

My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons.

III. Responsibility To Leadership (5:17-22)

D. In selection of who you choose (5:22)

1 Timothy 5:21

Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure.

a. For leaders

1 Timothy 3:6

Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.

b. As companions

Proverbs 10:9

He that walketh uprightly walketh surely: but he that perverteth his ways shall be known.

IV. Responsibility To Self (5:23-25)

A. In issues of health (5:23)

1 Timothy 5:23

Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities.

Proverbs 31:4-5

4 It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes strong drink:

5 Lest they drink, and forget the law, and pervert the judgment of any of the afflicted.

IV. Responsibility To Self (5:23-25)

B. In issues of ministry (5:24-25)

1. Men's sins will be revealed sooner or later (v 24)

1 Timothy 5:24

Some men's sins are open beforehand, going before to judgment; and some men they follow after.

Numbers 32:23

But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the LORD: and be sure your sin will find you out.

IV. Responsibility To Self (5:23-25)

B. In issues of ministry (5:24-25)

**1. Men's sins will be revealed sooner or later (v 24) -
continued**

Psalm 37:1-3

**1 Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou
envious against the workers of iniquity.**

**2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and
wither as the green herb.**

**3 Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in
the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.**

IV. Responsibility To Self (5:23-25)

B. In issues of ministry (5:24-25) - continued

**2. Good works are also manifested sooner or later
(v 25)**

1 Timothy 5:25

**Likewise also the good works of some are manifest
beforehand; and they that are otherwise cannot be hid.**

**Accept The Responsibility Given You
By God**