

Be Responsible

1 Timothy 5:1-25

We have responsibilities to God as individuals and as a church

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

1. The approach to take

Galatians 6:1-2

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

a. With older members

Leviticus 19:32

b. With younger members

2 Thessalonians 3:15

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

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

a. Church responsibility (v 3)

Galatians 6:10

1 John 3:17

b. Family responsibility (vv 4, 8)

1). Commitment to God (v 4)

Exodus 20:12

2). Consequence from God (v 8)

Titus 1:15

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

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

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

1). Reliance on God (v 5)

Psalm 37:5

2). Respect for God (v 6)

James 5:5

d. The necessity of this teaching (v 7)

2 Timothy 4:1-3

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B. Responsibility To Charitable Actions (5:3-16) – cont'd

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

a. Help widows indeed (vv 9-10)

1). Their restrictions (v 9)

2). Their report (v 10)

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B. Responsibility To Charitable Actions (5:3-16) – cont'd

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

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

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

2). Potential to cause conflict (v 13)

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

4). Problems presented (vv 15-16)

**a) Church testimony has already been stained
(v 15)**

1 Timothy 5:15

b) Church resources would be strained

1 Timothy 5:16

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

1. In support (5:17-18)

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

Deuteronomy 19:10

3. In subjectivity (5:21)

James 2:1

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

a. For leaders

1 Timothy 3:6

b. As companions

Proverbs 10:9

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

1. In issues of health (5:23)

Proverbs 31:4-5

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

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

Numbers 32:23

Psalms 37:1-3

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

Be Godly
1 Timothy 6:1-21

Be who God called you to be

I. The Pursuit of Godliness (6:1-5)

A. Acknowledge authority (6:1-2)

1. In testimony (v 1)

1 Timothy 6:1

Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honour, that the name of God and his doctrine be not blasphemed.

Colossians 3:22-23

22 Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God;

23 And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;

I. The Pursuit of Godliness (6:1-5)

A. Acknowledge authority (6:1-2)

2. In temperament (v 2)

1 Timothy 6:2

And they that have believing masters, let them not despise them, because they are brethren; but rather do them service, because they are faithful and beloved, partakers of the benefit. These things teach and exhort.

I. The Pursuit of Godliness (6:1-5)

B. Avoid apostates (6:3-5)

1. Their actions (v 3)

1 Timothy 6:3

If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness.

I. The Pursuit of Godliness (6:1-5)

B. Avoid apostates (6:3-5)

2. Their attitude (v 4)

1 Timothy 6:4

He is proud, knowing nothing, but dotting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings,

3. Their actuality (v 5)

1 Timothy 6:5

Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.

II. The Provision of Godliness (6:6-10)

A. Appreciate God's sufficiency (6:6)

1 Timothy 6:6

But godliness with contentment is great gain.

1. The condition

Philippians 4:11

Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, *therewith* to be content.

2. The consequence

2 Corinthians 9:8

And God *is* able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all *things*, may abound to every good work:

II. The Provision of Godliness (6:6-10)

B. Accept the temporary nature of earthly riches (6:7-8)

1. The facts (v 7)

1 Timothy 6:7

For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

Job 1:21

And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.

II. The Provision of Godliness (6:6-10)

B. Accept the temporary nature of earthly riches (6:7-8)

2. The findings (v 8)

1 Timothy 6:8

And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.

a. For this life

Philippians 4:19

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

II. The Provision of Godliness (6:6-10)

B. Accept the temporary nature of earthly riches (6:7-8)

2. The findings (v 8) – continued

b. For the next

Matthew 6:19-20

19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

II. The Provision of Godliness (6:6-10)

C. Avoid greed (6:9-10)

1. The wanting (v 9)

1 Timothy 6:9

But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.

II. The Provision of Godliness (6:6-10)

C. Avoid greed (6:9-10)

2. The warning (v 10)

1 Timothy 6:10

For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

Matthew 6:24

No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

III. The Practice of Godliness (6:11-21)

A. Follow Godly traits (6:11)

1 Timothy 6:11

But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

B. Fight the good fight (6:12)

1 Timothy 6:12

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

III. The Practice of Godliness (6:11-21)

C. Face up to Christ (6:13-16)

1 Timothy 6:13-16

13 I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession;

14 That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:

III. The Practice of Godliness (6:11-21)

C. Face up to Christ (6:13-16)

1 Timothy 6:13-16 - continued

15 Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;

16 Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.

III. The Practice of Godliness (6:11-21)

D. Foster others (6:17-19)

1. To seek God (v 17)

1 Timothy 6:17

Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;

2. To serve God (v 18)

1 Timothy 6:18

That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate;

III. The Practice of Godliness (6:11-21)

D. Foster others (6:17-19)

3. To store up to God (v 19)

1 Timothy 6:19

Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

III. The Practice of Godliness (6:11-21)

E. Faithfulness to the end (6:20-21)

1 Timothy 6:20-21

20 O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called:

21 Which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace be with thee. Amen.

Do We Reflect Christ?