

"PRIVATE EXHORTATIONS & OLDER WIDOWS"

I TIMOTHY 5:1-10

I. TIMOTHY WAS INSTRUCTED REGARDING ADMONISHMENTS AND PRIVATE EXHORTATIONS TO ALL BELIEVERS (5:1-2)

- A. No Minister (Or Anyone Else) Is Ever Allowed To Verbally Beat On People Within The Church As Though They Were Enemies (5:1a)
- B. He Is Rather To "Entreat" (Exhort) Them In Such A Way That Is In Keeping With Each One's Respective Status As Family Members In The Body Of Christ (5:1b-2)
- C. A Wonderful Atmosphere Permeates The Assembly When Family Respectabilities Prevail

II. TIMOTHY WAS INSTRUCTED REGARDING THE CARE OF OLDER WIDOWS (5:3-10)

- A. The Church Is Commanded To Provide Material Help For True Widows (5:3)
- B. Several Principles Are Given As Guidelines For Consideration Regarding The Distribution Of Aid (5:3-10)
 - 1. The Need Consideration: Is There Truly A Necessity? (5:3)
 - 2. The Family Consideration: Blood Relatives Bear The First Responsibility For Care? (5:4-8)
 - 3. The Age Consideration: The Recipient Must Be At Least Sixty (5:9a)
 - 4. The Moral Consideration: She Had To Have Been A One Man Kind Of Woman (5:9b)
 - 5. The Practical Help Consideration: Was She Faithful To Do In Life What She Wants The Church To Do For Her Now? (5:10)