

1 Timothy 5

Memory Verse 1 Timothy 5:7,8 "Prescribe these things as well, so that they may be above reproach. But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever."

Begin with prayer. Ask the Lord to speak to you through His Holy Spirit. Use your Bible for the answers.

Day 1 ***Discover the information***-Read all of 1 Timothy, chapter 5.

Read 1 Tim5:1-4

1. Verses 1 and 2 give instruction on how to treat brothers and sisters in Christ. What do you learn?
2. Use a dictionary and look up the word "*rebuke*". Write out its meaning.
3. Look up Galatians 6:1 and write it out below.
4. Starting in verse 3, Paul devotes a good part of chapter 5 to the care of widows. Why do you think he does this? See Acts 6:1, Isaiah 1:16-17 and James 1:27

Day 2 Read 1 Tim 5:5-10

1. What does Paul say about the woman who gives herself to wanton pleasure? What does that mean? See also Colossians 2:13 and Ephesians 2:5

2. In verse 7, Paul says "*prescribe these things*" Look up prescribe and write its definition out below.

3. Look back through 1 Tim 5:3-6, make a list of all the things that should be prescribed.

4. Verse 8 restates verse 4, but negatively. What two things does Paul say about one who does not provide for his own?

5. What are the qualifications to be on the "list"?

Day 3 Read 1 Tim 5:11-16

1. What disqualifies a widow from the list? vs. 11

2. What problems can young widows create if they are financially supported? vs 12, 13

3. Read 2 Thess 3:11-12. What is an antidote for the behaviors described in verse 13?

4. What was the danger to young widows who were idle? See verses 14-15

5. Paul uses the words "widow indeed" a few times in this chapter (vs 3,5,16) What do you think he means by that?

Day 4 Read 1 Tim 5:17-24

1. According to verses 17 and 18, how are elders who labor in preaching and teaching to be treated?

2. Under what circumstances are accusations to be brought against an elder? vs.19

3. On Day 1, you looked up the definition of rebuke. How should an elder who continues to sin be rebuked and why? vs. 20

4. In verse 22, Paul warns not to lay hands upon anyone too hastily. What was he speaking about? Why is this important? See also Acts 7: 3-6.

5. What is clearly evident in some but hidden in others? vs 24,25.

Day 5 *Personal Application*

Our Bible study is not over until we apply what we have learned to our everyday lives. And lest we underestimate the value of this last step, remember that in God's eyes it is the person who does not just know His Word, but also obeys His Word that truly loves Him (see John 14:21).

1. What part of the lesson stood out most to you and why?

2. What area of your life has been most affected by what you've learned this week?

3. After praying to God for conviction and insight, what concrete changes do you feel you should make this week?

4. What exactly will you do differently this week than last week—get specific and be realistic!

5. Is there someone you know who needs to hear the truths you have learned this week? Will you pray and ask the Lord for boldness and love to share it with that individual?

Be prepared to share the memory verse with your group.

