

1 Timothy 5:1-8

LESSON 20

Respect and Honour

1. A Word on Respect

- a. Ch. 5-6 concerns treatment toward other people in ministry: esp. elders & widows
 - i. Respect, honour, duty, refusal, discipline, withdraw, fight
- b. 1 Timothy is a book about good behavior... which under grace requires respect
- c. Respect – a look back, to regard; special consideration, treatment, attention, esteem
- d. We see this teaching going back to 1Ti 1:16, 1Ti 2:1 (Phil 2:3-4), 1Ti 3:7,15; 4:13
- e. God respects his name and word – John 4:22, Ro 3:2, Ro 9:1-4, 15:8; Ps 111:9; 138:2
- f. God does not respect persons as it corrupts judgment – Rom 2:11, Deu 1:17
- g. God and His body deserves good ministry, respect, attention, regard, esteem
- h. We can be irreligious without being irreverent and disrespectful

2. 1 Timothy 5:1-2 – Treatment as Family

- a. Elders in the church have proven themselves, purchased a degree – 1 Tim 3:10, 13
- b. Elders who are wrong, are wrong, and need dealt with, but differently
- c. The honor given to elders is to treat them as parents – Eph 6:2
- d. Intreat – A request, a petition, a dialogue. Rebuke – to chide, chasten, silence
- e. This is different than Matt 18:15-17... it is 2 Thess 3:14-15 “not an enemy”
- f. The honor given to young men and women is to be treated as brothers/sisters
- g. The church is not a competition – but a house and family of God – Eph 2:19, 3:15
 - i. Warning: the church is not given all the duties God has given family
- h. “*purity*” – the tendency is to “show love” in all the wrong ways; stay clear of a bad conscience – regarding as family means giving them respect

3. 1 Timothy 5:3 – Honour Widows

- a. Honour – Giving dignity, esteem due, payment according to a high value
 - i. Paul says to provide for, care, help financially/physically.
- b. Widow – a wife having lost her husband (a husband has responsibilities) Ja 1:27
- c. “widow indeed” – A true widow, defined in v 5-7, 9-15 (next week)

4. 1 Timothy 5:4,8 – Providing For Your Own

- a. “*children or nephews*” – This is first a family responsibility (not the church)
- b. “*let them learn first*” – They need educated about necessary responsibility
- c. “*piety at home*” – Love and reverence (honor)
- d. “*requite their parents*” – To repay, restore, give in return – for them giving you life
 - i. How do they repay? 1 Tim 5:16 with relieving them, making provision
- e. “*denied the faith*” – How? The doctrine says to work – Eph 4:28, 1Th 4:11-12;
 - i. No work = no food (2Th 3:10-12) is contrary to daily bread -Mat 6:11,25-26
 - ii. Faith trusts God’s provision – God’s provision today is work/family