

Women's Bible Study Discussion Questions

1 Timothy 5:1 - 6:21

1. What do verses 1 and 2 tell us about how Timothy is to interact with people in the congregation?
2. According to verses 3-8, what sets a godly widow apart? What qualifies a widow to receive financial aid from the church? (see verses 9-10)
3. What does Paul mean by the statement in verse 8 that anyone who “does not provide for his relatives...has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever?” How do you apply this to your own life?
4. Enrolling in the early church's financial assistance program was a binding pledge (verses 11-15). Paul addresses a particular problem the Ephesians have with younger widows who pledge themselves to the church in exchange for support. Paul recognizes that older widows face different life challenges than younger widows. With that in mind, in what ways are Paul's instructions insightful and beneficial rather than punitive?
5. According to 6:1-2, how should slaves who are believers regard their masters? How should they serve believing or unbelieving masters? What unique challenges face slaves whose masters are also unbelievers?