

STUDY OF
1 Timothy

Church Relationships and Responsibilities
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1. It is your responsibility as children and grandchildren.

⁴ But if a widow has children or grandchildren, these should learn first of all to put their religion into practice by caring for their own

⁷ Give the people these instructions, too, so that no one may be open to blame.

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2. It is your responsibility as a person of faith.

⁸ If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

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3. It is your responsibility, to not burden the church.

¹⁶ If any woman who is a believer has widows in her family, she should help them and not let the church be burdened with them, so that the church can help those widows who are really in need.



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2. It is the churches responsibility to meet those needs.

⁵ The widow who is really in need and left all alone puts her hope in God and continues night and day to pray and to ask God for help.

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3. It is the churches responsibility to be impartial when evaluating and responding.

²¹ I charge you, in the sight of God and Christ Jesus and the elect angels, to keep these instructions without partiality, and to do nothing out of favoritism.

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1. It is the widow's responsibility to sacrifice along with others.

⁶ But the widow who lives for pleasure is dead even while she lives.

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2. It is the widow's responsibility to provide where possible.

⁹ No widow may be put on the list of widows unless she is over sixty, has been faithful to her husband,
¹⁰ and is well known for her good deeds, such as bringing up children, showing hospitality, washing the feet of the saints, helping those in trouble and devoting herself to all kinds of good deeds.

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¹¹ As for younger widows, do not put them on such a list. For when their sensual desires overcome their dedication to Christ, they want to marry.

¹² Thus they bring judgment on themselves, because they have broken their first pledge.

¹³ Besides, they get into the habit of being idle and

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going about from house to house. And not only do they become idlers, but also gossips and busybodies, saying things they ought not to.

¹⁴ So I counsel younger widows to marry, to have children to manage their homes and to give the enemy no opportunity for slander.

¹⁵ Some have in fact already turned away to follow Satan.



1 Timothy 5:24-25 (NIV) ²⁴ The sins of some men are obvious, reaching the place of judgment ahead of them; the sins of others trail behind them.

²⁵ In the same way, good deeds are obvious, and even those that are not cannot be hidden.

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