

GODLINESS IN EVERYDAY LIFE

1 Timothy 5:1-16

1 Timothy 5 describes **four ways in which believers demonstrate godliness** in everyday life.

Godliness is demonstrated in everyday life by . . .

- **THE WAY WE RESPOND TO THOSE WHO ARE SPIRITUALLY NEEDY.**

Do not rebuke an older man but encourage him as you would a father . . .
1 Timothy 5:1 (English Standard Version)

Two most **common problems**
with helping a brother or sister spiritually:

- Ignore the need
- Overreact to the need

- › “Rebuke” = *epiplesso* = to strike out, harsh rebuke = lashing out
- › “Encourage” = *parakaleo* = to strengthen

“The Paraklete” = the one who comes alongside to help and strengthen

“But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me.”
John 15:26 (ESV)

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. Galatians 6:1 (ESV) See also Matthew 18.

- **THE WAY WE SEE AND TREAT EACH OTHER AS FAMILY.**

Do not rebuke an older man but encourage him as you would a father, younger men as brothers, ²older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, in all purity. 1 Timothy 5:1-2 (ESV)

Maintaining Purity with Younger Women

- Avoid the look. (Proverbs 6:25; Job 31:1)
- Avoid flirting. (Proverbs 5:3)
- Avoid inappropriate touching. (Proverbs 7:13)
- Avoid wrong thinking. (Proverbs 6:25; Matthew 5:28)
- Avoid tempting situations. (Proverbs 7:6-9)

- **THE WAY IN WHICH WE MEET PHYSICAL NEEDS.**

Honor widows who are truly widows. . . . ⁵She who is truly a widow, left all alone, has set her hope on God and continues in supplications and prayers night and day, ⁶but she who is self-indulgent is dead even while she lives. ⁷Command these things as well, so that they may be without reproach. . . . ⁹Let a widow be enrolled if she is not less than sixty years of age, having been the wife of one husband, ¹⁰and having a reputation for good works: if she has brought up children, has shown hospitality, has washed the feet of the saints, has cared for the afflicted, and has devoted herself to every good work. ¹¹But refuse to enroll younger widows, for when their passions draw them away from Christ, they desire to marry ¹²and so incur condemnation for having abandoned their former faith. ¹³Besides that, they learn to be idlers, going about from house to house, and not only idlers, but also gossips and busybodies, saying what they should not. ¹⁴So I would have younger widows marry, bear children, manage their households, and give the adversary no occasion for slander. ¹⁵For some have already strayed after Satan. 1 Timothy 5:3-15 (ESV)

Paul is **Helping Timothy Identify . . .**

- True widows so that the church could care for them.
- Why younger widows were not to be put on the list of “true widows.”

So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. Galatians 6:10 (ESV)

- **THE WAY WE CARE FOR OUR OWN FAMILIES.**

But if a widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show godliness to their own household and to make some return to their parents, for this is pleasing in the sight of God. ⁸But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. ¹⁶If any believing woman has relatives who are widows, let her care for them. Let the church not be burdened, so that it may care for those who are really widows.
1 Timothy 5:4, 8, 16 (ESV)