



“Widow Walk”

Valuing the Vulnerable
I Timothy 5:9-16

Helping with:

I. Criteria – “Let not a widow be taken” (vs. 9-10)

A criteria including:

- A. **Ma** _____ – “a widow be taken into the number under sixty”
- B. **Mo** _____ - “having been the wife of one man”
- C. **Mi** _____ – “diligently followed every good work”

II. Caution – “But the younger widows refuse” (vs. 11-13)

A caution regarding:

- A. **De** _____ – “they have begun to wax wanton against Christ”
- B. **Da** _____ – “having damnation...have cast off their first faith”
- C. **Di** _____ – “speaking things which they ought not”

III. Counsel – “I will therefore” (vs. 14-16)

A counsel concerning:

- A. **Re** _____ – “that the younger women marry”
- B. **Re** _____ – “let not the church be charged”
- C. **Re** _____ – “that it may relieve them that are widows indeed”

Sentence Sermon

The church has a special responsibility to help those in need who have been helping others.

Additional Verses

- *James 1:26*
- *I Corinthians 7:34-35*
- *I Corinthians 16:9*
- *Hebrews 6:10*
- *Proverbs 19:17*

Take Care of Widows, Orphans, Strangers

- Deuteronomy 10:18; 14:29; 24:17–21; Acts 6:1–7; James 1:27

Questions to Ponder

1. What are the key words or phrases in this passage?
2. Who are the central characters of the passage?
3. Why does Paul spend so much time talking about widows in this chapter?
4. Is it important for the church to limit who they will help? Why?
5. How would you describe the person the church should give ongoing help to?
6. What are some of the temptations young widows might have?
7. What are some of the things (v. 13) that ought not be spoken of?
8. How does remarriage serve as a solution to the problems young widows face?
9. Why does the church need to be relieved of widows with children?
10. What new thoughts about widows has this passage given you?
11. What are some of the other vulnerable valuable people in our congregation?
12. How are you doing when it comes to the good works widows do in verse 10?