

Honoring Mothers and Strengthening the Church

1 Timothy 5:3-16

A. Context: Instructions for the church of Jesus Christ (1 Timothy 1:1-5:2)

1. Timothy, once Paul's companion and disciple, was serving as the _____ of the church in Ephesus at the time of Paul's writing.
2. Paul's letter to Timothy included _____ challenge and encouragement, but its chief purpose was to give _____ to the church in regard to structure, order, and living godly lives for the glory of God.

B. Honoring mothers is of _____ importance to God and to the believer. v.3-8

1. The church's _____ to support widows and orphans was dependent on whether or not those people were truly _____.
2. Neglecting to care for one's family and relatives reveals spiritual _____ and a _____ of the Gospel. (James 1:27, Ephesians 6:1-4)

C. True womanhood is _____ by mothering, hospitality, compassion, and godly living. v.9-10

1. God's _____ of one-man, one-woman marriage for life is to be _____ and honored by the church, even in our care of widows. (Mark 10:1-12, 1 Corinthians 7:10-16)
2. The good works that godly women are to _____ revolve around the home; mothering, hospitality, and service to the believers and to the hurting _____ a life committed to Christ. (Titus 2:3-5, Proverbs 31:10-31)

D. Truth is _____ and the Gospel is proclaimed when the church honors women of God in their _____. v.11-16

1. _____ one's own passions and desires over God's order and design is the same as turning _____ from Christ. (2 Timothy 3:1-9)
2. Believers are _____, the church is _____, and the Lord is _____ when we live according to His Word and _____ those who do likewise. (Matthew 5:16, 1 Thessalonians 1)

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A. 1-overseer, 2-personal, instructions, B.-primary, 1-responsibility, desolate, 2-bankruptcy, denial, C.-defined, 1-design, upheld, 2-be about, reflect, D.-affirmed, faithfulness, 1-Pursuing, away, 2-blessed, strengthened, glorified, honor