

## PASSING THE TORCH A Study in First Timothy

## 1 Timothy 5:3-8



## WIDOWS INDEED

1 Timothy 5:3 "Honor" = one meaning of the word is to support or to sustain

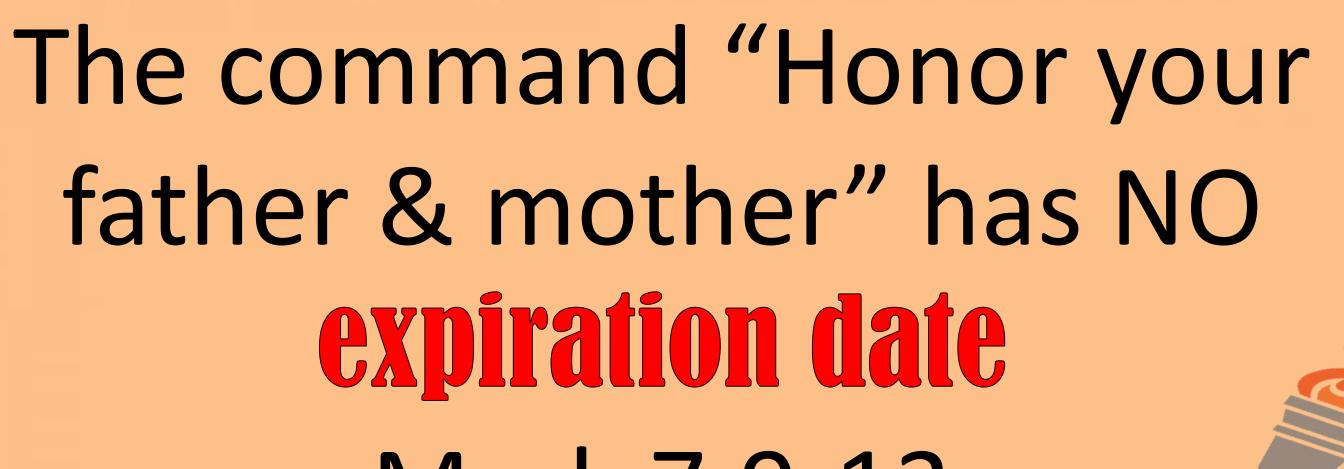
"Widows" = conveys the sense of **Suffering loss** loss or being **left alone** ... bereft

In New Testament culture women (single or widowed) really COULDN'T provide for themselves (in an honest profession)

It was in these situations that the church was to step in & financially help where there was NO other solution I Timothy 5:4

The church's giving was NEVER meant to become an excuse for a child to get out of their responsibility to take care of their parent

A child's joy was actually looking forward to the day when he could repay ALL that his parents had done for him Exodus 20:12



Mark 7:9-13 I Timothy 5:4

"Practice Piety" = to be reverent toward; to respect & support with honor I Timothy 5:5

This Widow MUST also have her hope rest on God (communicating with Him day & night) in Prayer. & supplication

God's her main 1000, the ultimate aim of her life is to please God

The Gospel drives us to a 600 dependent reality — God's the One who Rescues us, Redeems & Restores us (it's ALL God) I Timothy 5:6

"Wanton Pleasure" = to live luxuriously; to live in an abundance of pleasure

As believers we're called to be Spirit led, NOT pleasure led 1 Timothy 5:7 I Timothy 5:8

If a person DOESN'T care for his own family members he's guilty of TWO things: 1. He DOESN'T show love

If a person DOESN'T care for his own family members he's guilty of TWO things: 2. He DOESN'T set a good example

## SO WHAT?