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# **PASSING THE TORCH**

A Study in First Timothy

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# 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



The command “Honor your  
father & mother” has NO

**expiration date**

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 **hope**, the  
ultimate aim of her life is  
to **please God**



The Gospel drives us to a **God dependent** reality – God's the One who Rescues us, Redeems & Restores us (it's ALL **God**)

1 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

1 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?

