Preaching and Practicing the Truth
Studies in 1 and 2 Timothy, Titus, 1, 2 and 3 John

Instructions for Conduct in the Church
1 Timothy 5
Lesson 5

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1 Timothy 3:14-16

- Proper conduct in the Household of God
- The Mystery of Godliness
- Godly or Godliness x 18 in New Testament
  - “well devout” – “deeply devoted” to God in Christ
  - Emphasis of Paul and Peter at end of their ministries
  - 1 Timothy (9), 2 Timothy (2), Titus (2), 2 Peter (5)
The Mystery of Godliness

耶稣基督
- 显示于肉身——“神圣者”
- 在灵中得胜——被证实/确认
- 被天使看见——见证祂的神性和圣洁
- 在列国中被颂扬——拯救/圣化
- 在世界中被信奉——神的圣洁通过信心获得
- 被升入荣耀——被父神接纳

耶稣基督——献身于神
First Timothy at a Glance

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Timothy’s Charge

- No strange doctrine!
- Fight the good fight!
Conduct in the Church
1 Timothy 5-6

- 5:1-8 General conduct – emphasis on widows
- 5:9-16 Instructions for widows
- 5:17-20 Instructions about elders
- 5:21-25 Special instructions for Timothy
- 6:1-2 Instructions for slaves
- 6:3-21 Fight the good fight of faith!
A Challenging Text

- Focus on widows
- Widows indeed
- Younger widows
- The list
- Elders, good and bad
- Paul’s medical advice to Timothy
The Household of God (5:1-8)

- Insuring salvation (4:16)
- Older men – fathers
- Younger men – brothers
- Older women – mothers
- Younger women – sisters – in all purity
- Widows indeed – really, actually, certainly
  - Left alone
  - Honor them
Widows in Scripture

God’s care
– Ps 68:5; 146:9; Ex 22:22-24; Deut 10:17-18; Prov 15:25

Tithe and forgotten sheath
– Deu 14:29; 24:19-21; 26:12-13

Duty to widows
– Isa 1:17; Jer 7:6; 22:3-4

Warning for mistreatment of widows
– Ex 22:22-24; Deu 24:17; 27:19; Zech 7:10; Job 24:3, 21; 31:16
  Ps 94:6; Mal 3:5; Luke 20:47

Care for widows by the Church
– Acts 6:1-6; James 1:27
The Widow’s Lot

» Family piety (godliness)

» Widow piety
  - Ecclesiastes 7:13 – Purpose of God – godliness
  - Left alone – so fixes her hope on God
  - Entreaties and prayers night and day
  - No hope in God leads to “wanton pleasure”

» Command and teach these things
  - For the widow
  - For the families of widows
A Widow on the List (5:9-16)

- Support or ministry?
- Requirements
  - Over 60 years old
  - Wife of one man
  - A record of ministry – reputation for good works
  - Brought up children
  - Hospitality to strangers
  - Washed saints’ feet – minister to saints
  - Assisted those in distress
  - Devoted to every good work
Younger Widows Disqualified

- Sensual desire in disregard of Christ
- Desire marriage
- Set aside previous faith
- Idle, gossips busybodies, improper talk

Pauls’ solution:
  - marry; raise children; keep house
  - 1 Timothy 2:15

- A call to assist widows
Good and Bad Elders (5:17-20)

- Double honor
  - Rule well
  - Diligence in preaching and teaching
- Protect from false accusations
- Public rebuke for sin – James 3:1
A Solemn Charge (5:21-25)

- In presence of God, Jesus Christ, angels
- Be impartial
- Careful ordination
- Wine for stomach and frequent ailments
Conduct in the Household of God

▶ In the world, not of the world - John 17:16-18
▶ *Mystery of godliness*
▶ *Opposition to godliness*
  ▪ False teachers
  ▪ Life experiences
▶ *Psalm 62:5 – “my expectation is from God”*