



Group Discussion and Application

1. What are some of the special needs faced by widows? (If you have widows in your group, encourage them to share their personal perspective.)
2. What kinds of care does/should the Church provide to widows that the world does not?
3. Make a list of some specific and practical ways Christians (individually and collectively) might minister to widows.
4. What are some ministries in the church for which widows might be especially suited? Why?
5. In this passage Paul is helping the church prioritize the use of its resources. How do churches sometimes misappropriate funds?
6. If a church is to be a good steward of its resources, how should needs for benevolence be prioritized and appraised? List some criteria.
7. Why do you think Paul does not address the widower?
8. What kinds of practical precautions should be taken concerning ministry to and from members of the opposite sex?



Personal Reflection and Response

1. Identify widows in your family and church.
2. What are some of their specific needs? If you don't know, find out.
3. How might you personally minister to them?



Family Homework

1. Are there widows in your family? How might you minister to them?
2. Make a list of the widows in our church. List some specific ways you might serve them.
3. Invite a widow over for dinner and have them share in your family worship.



The Word on Widows (part 2)

1 Timothy 5:3-16

Paul gives instruction to the church on widows.

Review

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The Classification of widows.

2

The Care of widows.

3

The Calling of widows.

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The Church and widows.