

Discussion Questions

1. Relationships are sometimes hindered in the church when age is viewed as a barrier. What is Paul's instruction about relationships in the church (5:1-2)? What are some practical ways we can honor this?

2. How does Paul categorize widows in the church (1 Tim. 5:3-16)? What widows are we authorized to help and which ones should not be helped? Why? How do you think the church has handled the issue of widows historically?

3. What does it mean that the elders who rule well are worthy of “double honor” (1 Tim. 5:17-18)? How should handle the case of an elder that sins (1 Tim. 5:19-25)? Are other people’s sins always evident? Explain.

4. How should employers and employees act toward each other, especially when they are Christians (1 Tim. 6:1-2)? What often happens between employers and employees?