

“We fix our eyes not on what is seen but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.”

2 Corinthians 4:16

Authority = “Who will I trust”

“Watch your life and your doctrine closely.
Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save
both yourself and your hearers.”

*What you believe is real = what you will do with
your life*

1 Timothy 5

Older Men

Young Men

Older Women

Young Women

Lead from love, not insecurity

Insecure Leader

Fearful...Overbearing

Widows “List”

1. If she has family, they should take care of her
2. She needs to be a woman of consistent faith
3. She needs to be over 60 and known for “good deeds”

Privilege/Responsibility

Why the widow “age limit”?

This is about principle in practice to enable a missional focus...It’s not about rules taking precedence over people.

“As for younger widows, do not put them on such a list.”

1 Timothy 5:11

“Younger widows? Forget it!”

A loving “yes” to some

and

A loving “no” to others

*The great commission (mission) of the church is to
make disciples of all nations.*

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:8-10

*Good works gets you cultural brownie points but
evangelism gets you cultural disdain.*

In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Grecian Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, “It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.”

Acts 6:1-4

-When truth is lost, mission dies, and people fail to thrive-

The elders who direct the affairs of the church well
are worthy of double honor, especially those
whose work is preaching and teaching.

1 Timothy 5:17

I charge you, in the sight of God and Christ Jesus
and the elect angels, to keep these instructions
without partiality, and to do nothing out of
favoritism.

1 Timothy 5:21

Do not be hasty in the laying on of hands, and do not share in the sins of others. Keep yourself pure.

1 Timothy 5:22

TWT

*-Shooting stars in their twenties
and thirties are falling stars in
their forties and fifties-*

Stop drinking only water, and use a little wine because of your stomach and your frequent illnesses.

1 Timothy 5:23

-Take care of yourself-

-Don't stress out about this...just lead-

The sins of some men are obvious, reaching the place of judgment ahead of them; the sins of others trail behind them. In the same way, good deeds are obvious, and even those that are not cannot be hidden.

1 Timothy 5:24-25

Keep your eyes fixed on what is eternal

“Do what is important; focus on the essential”