

THE PASTORAL EPISTLES
I & II Timothy, Titus and Philemon
“God Speaks to His Church”

True Ministry—I Timothy 5:1-16
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A. CONTEXT

B. TEXT

Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

--James 1:27

- 1. The Christian Leader and Relationships** 5:1-2

- 2. Home Life in Israel**

- 3. Instructions Concerning Widows** 5:3-16
 - a. They are to be honored** v. 3

 - b. Focus on their personal piety/devotion** vs. 4-7

 - c. Responsibility of the family versus the Church** v. 8

 - d. The LIST** vs. 9-10
 - 1) Age requirement
 - 2) Family issues
 - 3) Her reputation and service

 - e. Younger Widows** vs. 11-15
 - 1) Remarriage?
 - 2) Need to watch their personal lives

 - f. Widows ministering to each other** v. 16

- 4. MODERN APPLICATIONS**
 - a. Living with 4 generations
 - b. Widows and Divorcees
 - c. Homes versus nursing facilities
 - d. The Church and the Family

C. PERSONAL APPLICATION