

# **Destin Church of Christ**

## **Fall, 2018**

### **Lessons from I & II Timothy and Titus**

#### **Lesson 10 – “Roles in the Church: Old & Young” and “Lessons to Servants & Rich”**

##### ***I. “Roles in the Church: Old & Young”***

Texts: I Tim 5:1-16; Titus 2:1-8

(5:1-2) Paul compares the Christian community to a family.

How is the Christian community similar to a family?

- A. In regard to older men (5:1a), treat them as fathers.
- B. In regard to younger men (5:1b), treat them as brothers.
- C. In regard to older women (5:2a), treat them as mothers.
- D. In regard to younger women (5:2b), treat them as sisters.

Elderly widows were in a state of utter helplessness and hopelessness.

##### **1. Older widows (5:3–10, 16)**

- a. How are we to treat widows who are older, godly, and have no living children? (5:3, 5, 9–10, 16)
- b. How are we to treat widows who have living children and grandchildren? (5:4, 8, 16)
- c. How are we to treat widows who are carnal and live only for pleasure? (5:6–7)

In verse 4, the word “*eusebein*” was used to mean “worship” in the ancient world. Caring for elderly relatives is a way to worship God.

(5:6) We shouldn’t give aid to those who waste it, but look at their lives and see if there is a need.

(5:7) We need to be “above reproach” in how we give our money to the poor.

(5:8) Even non-Christians know how to love their own families (Mt. 5:46).

(5:9) The widow needs to be elderly, not young.

(5:10) The widow needs to have been a woman of good character and good deeds..

- “Brought up children.” (Her own children or orphans.)
- “If she has shown hospitality to strangers.”
- “If she has washed the saints’ feet.” (Served fellow believers.)
- “If she has assisted those in distress.”
- “If she has devoted herself to every good work.”

##### **2. Younger widows (5:11–15)**

- a. What is the rule? (5:11–12, 14)
- b. What is the reason? (5:13, 15)

(5:13) The term “busybodies” refers to false teaching or improper teaching.”

(5:14-15) The “enemy” (adversary) probably refers to Satan. This would also fit with the argument that “busybodies” are actually false teachers (v.13).

(5:16) The family should take care of widows who are really in need.

## Titus 2:1-8

(2:1) The false teachers (mentioned in chapter 1) were ruining people's lives, and Paul urges Titus to know sound doctrine and to teach it.

Paul gives instructions concerning four different groups of people in the church (2:2–6).

### 1. Older Men (2:2):

- How should the older men act?
  - “Temperate” (*nephalious*).
  - “Worthy of Respect” (*semnous*).
  - “Self-Control” (*sophronos*).
  - “Sound in faith” (*hygiainontas*).
  - “[Sound] in love”.
  - “[Sound] in endurance” (*hypomone*).

### 2. Older Women (2:3-5)

- What are the older women to be? (2:3)
  - “Reverent” - translated as “honorable” (NLT).
  - “Not Slanderers” (*diabolous*) - Malicious gossips.
  - “Not Addicted to much wine”
- What are the Older women to do? (2:4–5)
  - Teach the children and younger women, based on 1 Timothy 2:12-15.

### 3. Younger Women (2:4)

What are the younger women to do? (1) Love their husbands and children; (2) be self-controlled and pure; (3) be busy at home; (4) be kind; and (5) be subject to their husbands.

### 4. Younger Men (2:6)

How should the young men act? (2:6) Paul uses the term “sophrona” (sensible), which means “wise” or having a “sound mind.”

How can Christians avoid persecution? (2:7-8) Paul tells Titus to do good deeds in the world, so that the accusations of the enemies of the gospel will be empty.

## ***II. “Lessons to Servants & Rich”***

Texts: I Timothy 6:1-10, 17-19; Titus 2:9-10

I Timothy 6:1-10 - Paul addresses four types of individuals.

- A. The workers.
- B. The wicked.
- C. The wise.
- D. The wealthy.

(6:17-19) Paul tells Timothy what the rich should do, and why they should do it.

Titus 2:9-10 - Servants should serve their masters faithfully.

Next Week – ““Personal Admonition: Purity”; “Personal Admonition: Development”; and  
“Dealing with Sinful Men in the Church”

(I Tim 4:6-16; I Tim 5:20-25; 6:3-5, 11-16, 20, 21;  
II Tim 1:3-15; 2:1-12, 16-26; 3:14-17; 4:14-22; Titus 2:11-14; 3:1-11)