

1 Timothy

Chapter 5:11ff

I. Qualifications of Widows

A. *“taken into the number” means “to pick out” and “write down”; thus, to select and write down in a register or a list – churches’ payroll*

1. Sixty (60) years of age
2. Married *only* once – compare the meaning to 1 Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:6: *“husband of one wife”*
3. Good works (reputation)
 - a. Reared children
 - b. Lodge strangers
 - c. Washed the saints’ feet
 - d. Relieved the afflicted – Jas. 1:25
 - e. Follower of every good work

B. The Refusal of Young Widow

1. *“Wax wanton” means “to feel the impulses of sexual desire”*
2. *“Having damnation” mean to have and hold - guilt*
 - a. The end result is *“they will marry”*
 - b. They will marry because of their impulses; thus, breaking their first pledge.
3. Learn to be idle
 - a. Wanderers – *“to go about” - from hose to house*
 - b. Tattlers – *“to utter nonsense, accusations, to accuse falsely with malicious words”*
 1. Condemned by God – Lev. 19:16
 2. Gossipers separate close friends – Prov. 20:20:19
 - c. Busybodies – *prying into the private affairs others* – 1 Pet. 4:15

II. The Apostle Authority to Younger Widows

A. Define by “I will”

1. Men to pray in worship – 1 Tim. 2:8
2. Women to dress modestly – 1 Tim. 2:9

B. Responsibilities

1. To marry within the church – 1 Cor. 7:8; 39
2. Bear children – 1 Tim. 2:16
3. Guide (manage) the house – *“a place from which a movement or base of operation”*
4. *“give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully”*
 - a. Adversary is opposition
 - b. Some had already given an opportunity by their actions