

**WIDOWS INDEED**  
**Honor Widows (#1)**

The following mini-series entitled “Honor Widows” is based on Paul’s teachings on the church and widows.

(1 Tim.5:3) “Honor (timao/ p.a. impv.2ps) widows (chera) who are widows indeed.”

There are five lessons in this mini-series.

- **(1 Tim.5:3-4)**            **Widows in Indeed**
- (1 Tim.5:5-8)        Families of Widows
- (1 Tim.5:9-10)      Church and Widows
- (1 Tim.5:11-15)    Younger Widows
- (1 Tim.5:16)        Widows Assisting Widows

God designed the family to provide for the livelihood of the widow, the elderly and others who might be destitute.

Paul issued three commands in our lesson text regarding caring for the **widows indeed** (1 Tim.5:3, 4, 7).

When studying these three commands (all present imperatives), we learn that two commands are issued to Timothy and the church and one to the families of **widows indeed**.

- In this lesson, we will study four aspects of the Widows Indeed.
- In our next lesson we will study a biblical example of a family taking care of the Widows Indeed.

<b>Four aspects of the Widows Indeed</b>
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**1. Paul’s first command issued to Timothy and to the church:**

(1 Tim.5:3) “Honor (timao/ p.a. impv.2ps) widows who are **widows** (tas chera/ aplf) **indeed** (ontos/ adverb).”

Honor is putting the widows of the family into a **place of importance, making them a priority**.

In 1 Tim.5:5-6, Paul gave a description of the Widows Indeed. They are destitute in need of assistance. Their family is the first responsible to care for the widows indeed.

**2. Paul’s second command, Christian children and grandchildren are commanded to take care of their widowed parents or grandparents.**

(1 Tim.5:4a) “But if (1cc / and it’s true) any widow has **children or grandchildren**, let them learn (manthano/ p.a. impv.3pl) to practice piety (eusebeo/ p.a. infin) in regard to their **own family**.”

Taking care of widows teaches **practical godliness** in Christian families. This is because taking care of parents or grandparents that are in need is the **Directive Will of God** (1 Tim.5:4).

Paul taught that these children should “make some return (apodidomi/ p.a. infin) [recompense] to their parents and grandparents.” Paul taught that this recompense would not go unnoticed by God.

(1 Tim.5:4b) “For this is (eimi/ p.a.ind.3ps) acceptable (apodektos) **in the sight of God.**”

- 3. Paul’s third command is directed towards widows who are NOT living a carnal life (1 Tim.5:6) (spatalao/ p.a.ptc.nsf) [wanton pleasure/ riotous living].**

Widows who are **living “above reproach** (anepilemptos/ nplm) (1 Tim.5:7).”

- 4. The Christian families who do not provide for their own have denied the faith and are worse than an unbeliever.**

(1 Tim.5:8) “But if (1cc) [when] **anyone does not provide (ouk pronoeo/ p.ma.ind.3ps) for his own,** and especially for those of his household, he has denied (arneomai/ perf.m.ind.3ps) the faith, and is (eimi/ p.a.ind.3ps) worse (cheiron) than an unbeliever (apistos).”