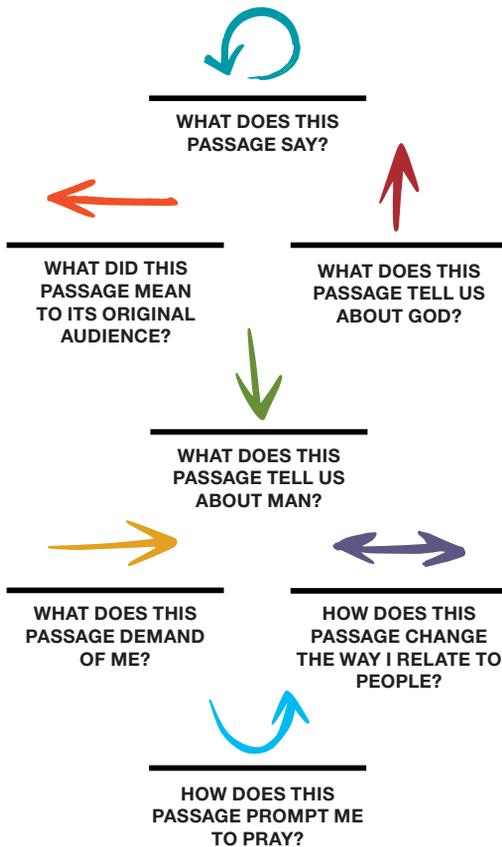




# Daily DEVOTIONS

Choose five days this week to set aside time to dig deeper into God's Word with these devotions. We hope you'll make this a priority and encourage others in your group to do so as well.

## 7 Arrows FOR BIBLE READING



## Day One

# 1 TIMOTHY 5:1-2

## Dwell

In these verses, we see the role of older men and younger men, as well as the role of older women and younger women. These relationships are addressed in the context of believers who are seeking to glorify God in their relationships.

- ← .01 WHAT DOES "WITH ALL PURITY" IN VERSE 2 MEAN? EXPLAIN.
- ↔ .02 HOW CAN WE LIVE AS FATHERS AND MOTHERS, BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST? LIST THE NAMES OF SOME OLDER MEN OR WOMEN WHO GOD HAS PLACED IN YOUR LIFE.

## Memorize

Write 1 Timothy 5:25 on a note card and tape it to your mirror or carry it in your pocket.

## Pray

Ask God to open your eyes to opportunities to mentor others or of older men and women who you might pray about asking to disciple you.



## Day Two

# 1 TIMOTHY 5:3-8

## Dwell

This teaching on widows may not be as familiar to you, so read these verses carefully and ask a leader or pastor at your church how widow care/ministry happens at your church. Also consider grandparents or other elderly believers God has placed in your life who might need help or care. Verse 8 emphasizes the importance of first providing for our own families and those in our churches.



**.01 WHAT PLEASURES GOD ACCORDING TO VERSE 4?**



**.02 WHAT ARE SOME PRACTICAL THINGS YOU CAN DO TO PROVIDE FOR AND SERVE WIDOWS IN YOUR FAMILY AND IN THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD?**

## Memorize

Read 1 Timothy 5:25 aloud several times today and write it out in your journal.

## Pray

Spend some time listening to God and pray that He will prompt you in ways that He would have you serve widows and others this week.

## Day Three

# 1 TIMOTHY 5:9-16

## Dwell

In verses 9-16, we see more instructions and details on the care for widows. The widows on the list for support are to be diligently devoted to the Lord. In verse 14, younger women are addressed and the issue of the importance of them to marry and stay busy so they have no opportunity for accusation. Family should be the first to help widows in need so that the church can focus on those widows who have no one else to care for them.



**.01 LIST THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A WIDOW TO BE CONSIDERED FOR SUPPORT (VV. 9-10).**



**.02 WHO ARE WIDOWS IN YOUR FAMILY WHO YOU WILL HELP? HOW CAN YOU SERVE AND HELP WIDOWS IN YOUR CHURCH?**

## Memorize

Quiz yourself on 1 Timothy 5:25 when you have a few free moments this week. Consider using an app to read it aloud to you.

## Pray

Pray for widows in your family and in your church, specifically that God would provide their needs, as well as give them peace and comfort when they are lonely.

## Day Four

# 1 TIMOTHY 5:17-21

## Dwell

Paul's point in the two quotes in these verses is to note that pastor-elders should be paid for their gospel labors and that they should not be taken advantage of in their work for the Lord. The issue of accusations and the support required by two or three witnesses is also addressed here, as well as the need for acting fairly and without prejudice.



**.01 WHY TWO OR THREE WITNESSES? WHAT IS THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING MORE THAN ONE WITNESS FOR SUPPORT?**



**.02 ARE YOU TEMPTED TO ACT IN FAVORITISM? EXPLAIN.**

## Memorize

Ask a friend or family member to quiz you on 1 Timothy 5:25. Continue to practice reciting it throughout the week.

## Pray

Thank God for how He values those who serve Him. Pray that He would find you faithful to Him.

## Day Five

# 1 TIMOTHY 5:22-25

## Dwell

As you wrap up 1 Timothy 5, think back on all that you've studied and learned so far. Consider the importance of elders and deacons and how they help care for widows in the church. We are all called to keep ourselves pure, but especially those who are elders. Good works should be obvious if we're walking with and seeking after the Lord each and every day.



**.01 WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO "SHARE IN THE SINS OF OTHERS"? HOW CAN YOU MAKE SURE YOU DON'T DO THIS?**



**.02 WHAT ARE SOME THINGS YOU CAN DO TO KEEP YOURSELF PURE?**

## Memorize

Take some time to dwell on the truth of 1 Timothy 5:25 and its implications for you.

## Pray

Spend some time confessing your sin and praying that God will help you to stay pure in your walk with Him.