

*Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes*

**Sermon Notes for December 18-19, 2004**

**"Our Care For Those In Need"**

**1 Timothy 5:1-16**

**1. Helping Those in Spiritual Need (5:1-2)**

a. How to help (5:1a)

The wise make knowledge acceptable (Proverbs 15:2).

b. Who to help (5:1b-5:2)

The Scripture portrays Christians as a family.

**2. Helping Those in Physical Need (5:3-16)**

**a. The Responsibilities of the Church (5:3-10)**

The church must both esteem and examine those in need.

We must differentiate between our opportunities and our obligations.

We must differentiate between our obligations to men and to women.

1) We must examine their need (5:4)

Widows "indeed" were not able to be supported by:

- Themselves
- Their children
- Their grandchildren
- Their extended family (cf. 5:16)

2) We must examine their character (5:5-8)

People in physical need are tempted to sin (Proverbs 30:8-9).

Even tax-gathers love those who love them (Matthew 5:46).

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3) We must examine their age (5:9)

There is more a view toward the future than the past.

4) We must examine their ministry (5:10)

A good women's ministry is purposed toward service.

### **b. The Responsibilities of the Christian (5:11-16)**

1) To be right with God (5:11-13)

a) We must resist temptation (5:11-12)

b) We must resist idleness (5:13)

c) We must resist gossip (5:13)

2) To be responsible with ourselves (5:14-15)

It is responsible to plan ahead.

3) To be responsible with others (5:16)

The more responsibility we take, the more responsibility we allow others to take.