

“Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

First Timothy Bible Study — I Timothy 5:5-16 Lesson #10

****INSTRUCTIONS:** Read the entire section of Scripture in First Timothy before starting to look up the other Scripture verses and filling in the blanks. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you understanding as you read God’s word. Most Scriptures used are from the New King James Version.

5-7 Now **she who is really a widow, and left alone, TRUSTS in GOD and continues in supplications and prayers night and day. But she who LIVES in PLEASURE is DEAD while she LIVES.** And these things command, that they may be blameless.

● **II Kings 4:1-7** “A certain _____ of the wives of the sons of the prophets cried out to Elisha, saying, ‘Your servant my _____ is _____, and you know that your servant feared the Lord. And the _____ is coming to take my two _____ to be his _____.’ So Elisha said to her, ‘What shall I do for you? Tell me, what do you have in the house?’ And she said, ‘Your maidservant has nothing in the house but a _____ of _____.’ Then he said, ‘Go, borrow vessels (jars) from everywhere, from all your neighbors – empty vessels; do not gather just a few. And when you have come in, you shall shut the door behind you and your sons; then pour it (the oil) into all those _____, and set aside the _____ ones.’ So she went from him and shut the door behind her and her sons, who brought the vessels to her; and she _____ it out. Now it came to pass, when the vessels were _____, that she said to her son, ‘Bring me another vessel.’ And he said to her, ‘There is not another vessel.’ So the _____ ceased (stopped). Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, ‘Go, _____ the _____ and _____ your _____; and you and your sons _____ on the _____.’”

Definition: “**She who LIVES in PLEASURE is DEAD while she LIVES**” – This woman is the opposite of the widow who **trusts in God and PRAYS night and day for God to supply her needs.** This woman “**who LIVES in PLEASURE**” has turned from God and is living in self-indulgence and the lusts of the flesh (an immoral lifestyle), and God’s word says she is like the “walking dead” in that she is DEAD spiritually, even though still alive physically. The widow in **II Kings 4:1-7** was **trusting the Lord to SAVE her SONS from being SOLD as SLAVES to pay her debts**, and God came through for her in a miraculous way. God not only provided the money to pay her debts (actually, the debts of her husband who had died), but He provided money left over from the sale of the oil for her and her sons to live on.

● **Proverbs 5:3-6** “For the lips of an _____ woman drip honey, and her mouth is smoother than oil; but in the _____ she is _____ as wormwood (poison), sharp as a two-edged _____. Her feet go down to _____, her steps lay hold of _____. Lest you ponder her path of life – her _____ are _____; you do not know them.”.

Definition: “**Her ways are UNSTABLE**” – The IMMORAL WOMAN, or the widow who lives in an immoral lifestyle is like the **double-minded person in James 1:8, who is unstable in all their ways.** In James 4:8, the command is given to “Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and PURIFY your HEARTS, you DOUBLE-MINDED.” In other parts of the Bible, “**the UNSTABLENESS of the double-minded person**” is referred to as being **CARNALLY MINDED, or being a CARNAL Christian**, because they are allowing their flesh (carnal means “of the flesh”) to control them instead of the Holy Spirit.

● **Romans 8:6** “But to be _____ is death, but to

be spiritually _____ is life and _____.”

• **James 1:7-8** “For let _____ that man suppose that he will receive _____ from the _____; he is a _____ - _____ man, _____ in all his ways.”

8-10 But if anyone does NOT PROVIDE for his OWN, and especially for those of his HOUSEHOLD, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. Do not let a WIDOW UNDER SIXTY years old be TAKEN into the NUMBER, and not unless she has been the wife of one man, well reported for good works; if she has brought up children, if she has lodged strangers, if she has washed the saints’ feet, if she has relieved the afflicted, if she has diligently followed every good work.

• **Proverbs 31:10-13** “Who can find a virtuous _____? For her worth is far above _____. The heart of her _____ safely _____ her; so he will have no lack of gain. She does him _____ and _____ evil all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and willingly works with her hands.”

• **Proverbs 31:20 & 26-28** “She extends her hand to the _____, yes, she reaches out her hands to the _____.” (Verse 26-28) “She opens her mouth with _____, and on her tongue is the law of _____. She watches over the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her _____; Her _____ also, and he _____ her.”

Definition: “If anyone does NOT PROVIDE for his OWN, and especially for those of his HOUSEHOLD” – God’s word has many commandments for taking care of our parents and family members, and in **Isaiah 58:7** God talks about those who would try to “hide themselves from their own flesh”, meaning they did not want to provide for any poor relatives.

• **1 Timothy 5:3-4** “Honor _____ who are really widows. But if any _____ has _____ or _____, let _____ first learn to show piety (religion) at _____ and to _____ their parents; for this is _____ and _____ before God.”

• **Isaiah 58:7** “Is it not to _____ your _____ with the _____, and that you bring to your _____ the _____ who are cast out; when you see the naked, that you cover him, and _____ yourself from your _____ (your relatives)?”

• **Colossians 3:20** “Children, _____ your _____ in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord.”

• **Proverbs 23:22** “Listen to your _____ who begot you, and do not _____ your _____ when she is _____.”

• **Proverbs 20:20** “Whoever _____ his _____ or his _____, his lamp will be put out in deep _____.”

• **Proverbs 30:11-12** “There is a generation that _____ its _____, and does not _____ its _____. There is a generation that is PURE in its _____, yet is not washed from its _____.”

Definition: “A WIDOW UNDER SIXTY years old be TAKEN into the NUMBER” – This goes back to when Paul talked about “She who is really a widow, and left alone”, which means a woman who truly had no family to take care of her, and if she were too old to consider remarriage. Paul told the church to provide for such widows and “take her into the number” of widows being provided for by the church. The other qualifications for the church taking care of these widows are all the GOOD WORKS

listed in verses 9-10. However, if a widow had ANY family members, they were supposed to take care of her, and not have the church be burdened. The church was to ONLY take care of widows who had NO family at all.

• **Matthew 5:16** “Let your light so shine before _____, that they may _____ your _____ and glorify your Father in heaven.”

• **Titus 3:8** “This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have _____ in _____ should be careful to maintain _____ . These things are _____ and profitable to _____ .”

• **Titus 3:14** “And let our people also learn to maintain _____ , to meet urgent _____ , that they may not be _____ .”

• **Titus 2:7-8** “In all things _____ yourself to be a pattern of _____ ; in doctrine _____ integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, sound speech that cannot be condemned, that the one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having _____ evil to _____ about you.”

• **Colossians 1:10** “That you may have a walk worthy of the Lord, fully _____ Him, being fruitful in every _____ .”

11-15 **But REFUSE the YOUNGER WIDOWS**; for when they have begun to grow wanton against Christ, they desire to marry, having condemnation because they have cast off their first faith. And besides **they learn to be IDLE, wandering about from house to house, and not only IDLE but also GOSSIPS and BUSYBODIES**, saying things which they ought not. Therefore I desire that the younger widows MARRY, bear children, manage the house, give no opportunity to the adversary to speak reproachfully. For some have already turned aside after Satan.

• **I Peter 4:15** “But let none of you suffer as a _____ , a _____ , an evildoer, or as a _____ in _____ people’s _____ .”

Definition: “But REFUSE the YOUNGER WIDOWS” – This is referring to allowing the younger widows to join the widows who were being taken care of by the church. Paul says to “refuse” to have them join the older widows, but rather let them remarry. It was NOT a sin to let them get married again, but the SIN would come when they would abandon their vows, so to speak, of spending the rest of their lives just working for the Lord in the church. The worst outcome for these younger women would be that they would “turn aside after Satan” by living an immoral lifestyle.

• **I Corinthians 7:39** “A _____ is _____ by law as long as her husband _____ ; but if her husband _____ , she is at _____ to be married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord.”

Definition: “They learn to be IDLE, wandering about from house to house, and not only IDLE but also GOSSIPS and BUSYBODIES” – To be IDLE means you’re not doing anything - not working, not studying, not helping others, but just hanging around doing nothing. The Bible talks about **those who have too much spare time on their hands**, and exhorts them to get to work doing something productive, and not be **busybodies** (meddlers) in other peoples’ affairs. This idleness and too much time spent looking at other’s lives means you are NOT working on your own issues and growing and maturing in Christ. Gossiping is taking it to the next level, as you tell others how badly this or that person is behaving, and how you would do it much better, and so on. **Gossiping, or “evil speaking” as the Bible calls it**, carries with it your prideful judgment of the person you are gossiping about, when only God can judge their mind, heart or motives.

• **II Thessalonians 3:6-12** “Now we _____ you, brethren, in the name of

our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep aloof from (avoid) every _____ who leads an unruly (undisciplined, irresponsible) life and not according to the tradition which you received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example; because we did not act in an undisciplined manner among you, nor did we _____ anyone's bread without _____ for it, but with _____ and hardship we kept _____ night and day so that we might _____ be a _____ to any of you; not because we do not have the right to this (to be supported by them), but in order to offer _____ as a _____ for you, that you might _____ our _____. For even when we were with you, we used to give you this order: If anyone will not _____, neither let him _____. For we hear that some among you are leading an undisciplined life, doing no _____ at all, but acting like _____. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to _____ in quiet fashion and eat their _____."

16 **If any BELIEVING MAN or WOMAN has WIDOWS, let them RELIEVE them,** and do not let the church be burdened, that it may relieve those who are really widows.

● **James 1:27** "Pure and undefiled _____ before _____ and the Father is this: to visit _____ and _____ in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world."

● **Psalms 146:9** "The Lord watches over the strangers; He _____ the _____ and the _____; but the way of the wicked He turns upside down."

● **Psalms 68:5** "A father of the _____, a defender of _____ is _____ in His holy habitation."

● **Acts 6:1-4** "Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a murmuring against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their _____ were _____ in the daily _____. Then the Twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, 'It is not desirable that we should leave the _____ of _____ and _____ tables. Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven _____ of good reputation, full of the _____ and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this _____; but we will give ourselves continually to _____ and to the ministry of the _____.'"

● **Deuteronomy 10:18** "He administers justice for the _____ and the _____, and _____ the stranger, giving him _____ and _____."

Definition: "To visit ORPHANS and WIDOWS in their trouble" – "To visit ORPHANS and WIDOWS" means more than just dropping by to see them. It means to take care of them financially - to feed and provide housing for them. Taking care of orphans ("the fatherless") and widows was an important part of the life of the early Christian church. There was no welfare system for a woman to turn to if her husband died, and **if she didn't have adult children who could take her into their home and provide for her**, the church was supposed to care for her. In Acts 6:1-4, we see the early church having a problem between the Jewish believers and the Greek converts in how the widows were being cared for. Evidently, there was one or more common meals served at the church, because **the first deacons of the church were chosen to deal with "serving tables" for the widows**, so that the twelve apostles would not be burdened. If a woman truly had no family to take care of her, and if she were too old to consider remarriage, Paul told the church to provide for her and "take her into the number" of widows being provided for by the church.