

## I TIMOTHY 5; November 17; The Care of “Widows Indeed”

### ANALYSIS:

1. When is a woman to be considered a “widow indeed?”

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2. How can a person be considered worse than an infidel and deny the faith? 

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3. What did Paul say was the will of God for young women?

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4. Before whom does Paul charge Timothy to observe the commands of this chapter? 

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5. What particular use was to be made of wine according to Paul's counsel to Timothy? 

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### THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

The “inspiration of Scripture”\*\* is foundational for our faith and practice to be established as God's truth. This was especially true for a pastor like Timothy. Paul taught much about New Testament inspiration when he declared to Timothy, “For the scripture saith, 'The labourer is worthy of his reward'” (I Tim 5:18). This appears to be quoted from Mt 10:10 “for the workman is worthy of his meat” and/or Luke 10:7 “for the labourer is worthy of his hire.” Thus Paul, in about 65 AD, teaches that the book(s) of Mathew and/or Luke is/are scripture! Peter also, about 65 AD, declares Paul's letters are scripture when he wrote, “Paul .. in all his epistles ... which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures (II Pet 3:15-16). Thus we have apostles establishing the inspiration of New Testament books.

We can rest securely in the certainty of our God-breathed KJV Bible. “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable ...” (II Tim 3:16). Let us respond by reading and obeying God's revealed will today.

\*\* By “Inspiration of Scripture” is meant that the writers, some 40, were so empowered and controlled by the Holy Spirit in the production of the Scriptures as to give them divine and infallible authority as the very words of God.

### HELP:

1. A widow who is desolate (without family to care for her), who trusteth in God, and continueth in supplications and prayers (v 5); three score years old, having been the wife of one man, well reported of for good works (vs 9-10).
2. By failing to provide for his own family members (including widows by context) (v 8).
3. That they marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully (v 14).
4. Before God, the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels (v 21).
5. Use a little wine for thy stomach's sake, and thine often infirmities (v 23).