

Sermon Title:  
"A Plan For Caring"  
I Timothy 5:1-16

INTRODUCTION:

**I. A Mindset For Caring vs. 1, 2**

- A. Treat older men like your father.
- B. Treat younger men like your brother.
- C. Treat older women like your mother.
- D. Treat younger women like your sister.

**II. A Test Case For Caring vs. 3-8**

- A. Why does Paul single out widows for special care?
- B. Who should care for widows?
  - 1. Christian children should care for a widowed mom.
  - 2. The church should care for those widows who have no family.
- C. How should we care for widows?
  - 1. Give proper recognition.
  - 2. Provide financial help.
- D. Why should we care for widows?
  - 1. It is repayment.
  - 2. It pleases God.

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**III. The Care Of Widows On The List. vs. 9-16**

- A. The widows on the list must be a special class of widows.
- B. Paul's advice to younger women off the list. vs. 11-16
  - 1. Don't put yourself in a position where you may have to break your vow.
  - 2. Get married.
  - 3. Give the devil no opportunity for slander.
- C. The qualifications of the widows on the list. vs. 9, 10
  - 1. 60+
    - a) The church surely would care for widows younger than 60.
    - b) 60 is retirement age in the NT church.
    - c) Ruth was a young widow who received care.
  - 2. Faithful to her husband.
    - a) This seems to be a qualification for helping younger women love their husbands. Titus 2:4
    - b) This is evidence of women representing the church as they ministered.
  - 3. Well known for good deeds.
    - a) Bringing up children.
    - b) Showing hospitality.
    - c) Washing feet.
    - d) Helping those in trouble.
    - e) Devoted to good deeds.

CONCLUSION: