



How to Honor Our Family

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How to Ensure Salvation for Our Family

1 Timothy 4:1-16

But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith,
paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons,
²by means of the hypocrisy of liars...

- 1 ⁶ ...pointing out these things to the brethren...
- 2 ⁷ ...discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness; ...
- 3 ¹¹ ...Prescribe and teach these things...
- 4 ¹² ...in speech, conduct, love, faith *and* purity, show yourself an example...
- 5 ¹³ ...give attention to the *public* reading of *Scripture*, to exhortation and teaching.
- 6 ¹⁴ ...Do not neglect the spiritual gift within you,...

¹⁵Take pains with these things; be *absorbed* in them,
so that your progress may be evident to all.

¹⁶Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things;
for **as you do this**
you will ensure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you.

How to Honor One Another

1 Timothy 5:1-2

Do not sharply rebuke an older man,
but *rather* appeal to *him as a father*,
to the younger men **as brothers**,
²the older women **as mothers**,
and
the younger women **as sisters**, in all purity.

How to Honor Our Widows

1 Timothy 5:3-16

³**Honor widows** who are widows indeed;

⁴but

if any widow has children or grandchildren,
let them first learn
to practice piety in regard to their own family,
and
to make some return to their parents;
for this is acceptable in the sight of God.

⁵Now

she who is a widow indeed, and who has been left alone

has fixed her hope on God,
and
continues in entreaties and prayers night and day.

⁶But
she who gives herself to wanton pleasure is dead even while she lives.

⁷Prescribe these things as well, so that they may be above reproach.

⁸But
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.

⁹Let a widow be put on the list only if
she is not less than sixty years old,
having been the wife of one man,
¹⁰having a reputation for good works;
And
if she has brought up children,
if she has shown hospitality to strangers,
if she has washed the saints' feet,
if she has assisted those in distress,

and
if she has devoted herself to every good work.

¹¹But
refuse *to put* younger widows *on the list*,
for
when they feel sensual desires in disregard of Christ,
they want to get married,
¹²*thus* incurring condemnation,
because they have set aside their previous pledge.

¹³And
at the same time
they also learn *to be* idle,
as they go around from house to house;
and
not merely idle,
but also gossips and busybodies,
talking about things not proper *to mention*.

¹⁴Therefore,
I want younger *widows* to
get married,
bear children,
keep house,

and

give the enemy no occasion for reproach;

¹⁵for some have already turned aside to follow Satan.

¹⁶If any woman who is a believer has *dependent* widows,
let her assist them,

and

let not the church be burdened,

so that it may assist those who are widows indeed.

How to Honor Our Elders

1 Timothy 5:17-25

¹⁷**Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor,**
especially those who work hard at preaching and teaching.

¹⁸For the Scripture says,

"You shall not muzzle the ox while he is threshing,"

and

"The laborer is worthy of his wages."

¹⁹Do not receive an accusation against an elder
except on the basis of two or three witnesses.

²⁰Those who continue in sin, rebuke in the presence of all,
so that the rest also may be fearful *of sinning*.

²¹I solemnly charge you

in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus and of *His* chosen angels,
to maintain these *principles* without bias,
doing nothing in a *spirit of partiality*.

²²Do not lay hands upon anyone *too* hastily
and thus share *responsibility for* the sins of others;
keep yourself free from sin.

²³No longer drink water *exclusively*,
but
use a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments.

²⁴The sins of some men are quite evident,
going before them to judgment;
for others,
their *sins* follow after.

²⁵Likewise also,
deeds that are good are quite evident,
and
those which are otherwise cannot be concealed.