

Sunday School – March 27, 2011

“All in the Family”

1 Timothy 5:1-8, 17-22

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Overview

- 1.) Show the correct way for the younger generation to approach their elders.
- 2.) Show how family members should help and take care of their parents.
- 3.) Show the reasons to support pastoral leadership financially.
- 4.) Show the proper way to bring forth charges or allegations against pastoral leaders.

Youth Approaching Elders

Verse 1-2: Always approach an older man with respect, even when they are wrong. Approach them as you would your father, and approach a younger man as you would your brother. Likewise, approach an older woman as you would your mother, and a younger woman as you would your sister.

Taking Care of Family

Verse 3: Take care of “true” widows.

- * Paul defines a “Widow” as a woman who has no one else (no children or other family).

Verse 4: Widows that have family such as children, nieces and nephews, should be taken care of by them.

- * Piety: Godliness (this should be taught by the parents)
- * Requite: Repay (by taking care of them when they get older)

Verse 5-6: A woman that is a widow, who truly has no one else, should trust in God and pray daily for God’s help. The widow that lives for herself and her own pleasure is spiritually dead (as are all of us).

Verse 7-8: Paul instructs Timothy to give these instructions so that no one will be open to criticism. Those that go against this have denied their faith and are worse than non-believers.

Taking Care of the Pastor

Verse 17-18: Pastors that lead well should be paid well, especially those that work hard at teaching and preaching. The scripture says do not prevent those that are working from eating, therefore, we must take care of our pastor when he works so hard teaching and preaching to us.

When the Pastor Isn’t Right

Verse 19-20: If you bring accusations against the pastor, there must be at least 2 or 3 witnesses. In other words, just because you “heard” something doesn’t make it fact, and accusations against the pastor are to be taken very seriously. Those that are guilty should have those charges brought to the church’s attention publicly. This should serve as a warning to others.

Verse 21: Paul “commands” Timothy to obey these rules by Jesus Christ, and to not take sides or show favor.

Verse 22: Paul instructs Timothy to “never” appoint a church leader in a hurry, and to not share the sins of others. He must also stay pure himself.