

# *Relationships in the Church*

*1Tim 5:1-2*

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**Intro: In these final chapters of 1 Timothy Paul's attention turns to the subject of relationships in the Church.**

**Paul will provide guidance in broad categories for at least seven different groups within the Church:**

1. To the older and younger saints (5:1-12)
2. To Widows (5:3-16)
3. To church leaders (5:17-25)
4. To servants (slaves)(6:1-2)
5. To trouble-makers (6:3-5)
6. To the rich (6:6-19)
7. To the educated (6:20-21)

**Older Men: Do Not Rebuke But Encourage Him As You Would a Fathers (v.1a)**

**Younger Men: We Treat As Brothers (v.1b)**

**Older Women: We Treat As Mothers**

**Young Ladies: We Treat As Sisters with all purity (v.2b)**

**Conclusion**

**Pray through the following questions:**

- Does my treatment of people show a mark of God on my life?
- Do I help create a family atmosphere in my church life?
- Am I hard to get along with, or easy to get along with?
- Am I coldly argumentative or do I encourage peoples considering of the scripture?
- Am I as other winsome Christians were to me?

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