



1. Who is the writer and/or speaker ?
2. When was it written and/or said ?
3. To whom was it written and/or spoken ?
4. What are the major natural divisions ?
5. What is the repeated key word ?
6. What simple sentence sums it all up ?
7. What is an application to my life today ?

Study questions for 1 Timothy 5v1-16

(Remember to find the answers in the verses under consideration !)

[The ESV is highly recommended for accuracy in Bible study.]

V 1 The context of the last verse of the previous chapter talks about how to be "workers together with God (2Cor6v1) in the salvation of others. **How** should we treat older (not just official Elders as in v17) and then younger men who are saved when there is a sin in their life ?

V 2 In the same context, **What** should be our manner of treating older and then younger women when there is a sin in their life (cf v1) ?

Vs 3-5 **Who** is defined as "truly a widow" (cf v3 & 5) ?

Vs 6-7 **Why** shouldn't a Christian who's husband has died not live for earthly pleasures ?

V 8 **Where** is our first obligation to care for the needy ? If charity begins at home, does it end there according to the following verses ?

Vs 9-10 **When** can a widow be qualified for church assistance ? (There are 8 requirements !)

Vs 11-15 **Which** widows are not qualified for church assistance ? (There are 4 good reasons.)

Note ! In v12 it speaks of "abandoning their former faith" (KJV & ESV), but in context "set aside their previous pledge" (ASV & NASB) seems more logical. By first trusting God for their finances by being "put on the role" (v9) and then wanting a new husband (v11) , they have left their first faith in God alone, their first commitment to trust God alone.

V 16 The Textus Receptus (Greek used for the KJV in 1611) has "If any man or woman...", but the better manuscripts of the GNT-WH (Westcott-Hort of 1881 for ASV, NASB & ESV in 2001) have "If any believing woman..." only. It should be also noted that the word "relatives" is not in the Greek despite the ESV addition of this word. So, **what** does this verse mean ? Is it only Christian women, married or not, who must take care of young or old widows that "they have" (hence the assumption that they are relatives) ? Are Christian men not obligated (hence the addition in the Greek TR by someone who didn't like men being exonerated) ? Remember, Christian men must provide for their wife and daughters needs...thus through them care for widows !)

How are we doing ? List the true widows, not divorced or younger than 60, that we are supporting either through our church or because they are family ?