



~ Thought For The Day ~

~gathering from the 4 winds~

“come just as you are”

Refresh, Restore, Rebuild = Healing



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Prayer

God Father; in Jesus' name I ask it, Lord, Help us to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous of heart and to share with others. Led us and guide us in Your way. I pray we are not led into temptations or trespasses. I ask that all our needs are met and supplied. Protect us and keep us in Jesus' name. Amen.

Worship Music

Stand By Me-Walter Santos

Teenager In Love-Walter Santos

I Only Have Eyes For You-Walter Santos

Sweet Surrender-Walter Santos

Scripture

I Timothy 5 (2005)

1 Timothy 5:1-25 (AMP)

- ¹ DO NOT sharply censure *or* rebuke an older man, but entreat *and* plead with him as [you would with] a father. Treat younger men like brothers;
- ² [Treat] older women like mothers [and] younger women like sisters, in all purity.
- ³ [Always] treat with great consideration *and* give aid to those who are truly widowed (solitary and without support).
- ⁴ But if a widow has children or grandchildren, see to it that these are first made to understand that it is their religious duty [to defray their natural obligation to those] at home, and make return to their parents *or* grandparents [for all their care by contributing to their maintenance], for this is acceptable in the sight of God.
- ⁵ Now [a woman] who is a real widow and is left entirely alone *and* desolate has fixed her hope on God and perseveres in supplications and prayers night and day,
- ⁶ Whereas she who lives in pleasure *and* self-gratification [giving herself up to luxury and self-indulgence] is dead even while she [still] lives.
- ⁷ Charge [the people] thus, so that they may be without reproach *and* blameless.
- ⁸ If anyone fails to provide for his relatives, and especially for those of his own family, he has disowned the faith [by failing to accompany it with fruits] and is worse than an unbeliever [who performs his obligation in these matters].
- ⁹ Let no one be put on the roll of widows [who are to receive church support] who is under sixty years of age or who has been the wife of more than one man;
- ¹⁰ And she must have a reputation for good deeds, as one who has brought up children, who has practiced hospitality to strangers [of the brotherhood], washed the feet of the saints, helped to relieve the distressed, [and] devoted herself diligently to doing good in every way.
- ¹¹ But refuse [to enroll on this list the] younger widows, for when they become restive *and* their natural desires grow strong, they withdraw themselves against Christ [and] wish to marry [again].
- ¹² And so they incur condemnation for having set aside *and* slighted their previous pledge.
- ¹³ Moreover, as they go about from house to house, they learn to be idlers, and not only idlers, but gossips and busybodies, saying what they should not say *and* talking of things they should not mention.

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¹⁴ So I would have younger [widows] marry, bear children, guide the household, [and] not give opponents of the faith occasion for slander or reproach.

¹⁵ For already some [widows] have turned aside after Satan.

¹⁶ If any believing woman *or believing man* has [relatives or persons in the household who are] widows, let him relieve them; let the church not be burdened [with them], so that it may [be free to] assist those who are truly widows (those who are all alone and are dependent).

¹⁷ Let the elders who perform the duties of their office well be considered doubly worthy of honor [and of adequate financial support], especially those who labor faithfully in preaching and teaching.

¹⁸ For the Scripture says, You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain, and again, The laborer is worthy of his hire.

¹⁹ Listen to no accusation [presented before a judge] against an elder unless it is confirmed by the testimony of two or three witnesses.

²⁰ As for those who are guilty *and* persist in sin, rebuke *and* admonish them in the presence of all, so that the rest may be warned *and* stand in wholesome awe *and* fear.

²¹ I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus and of the chosen angels that you guard *and* keep [these rules] without personal prejudice *or* favor, doing nothing from partiality.

²² Do not be in a hurry in the laying on of hands [giving the sanction of the church too hastily in reinstating expelled offenders or in ordination in questionable cases], nor share *or* participate in another man's sins; keep yourself pure.

²³ Drink water no longer exclusively, but use a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent illnesses.

²⁴ The sins of some men are conspicuous (openly evident to all eyes), going before them to the judgment [seat] *and* proclaiming their sentence in advance; but the sins of others appear later [following the offender to the bar of judgment and coming into view there].

²⁵ So also, good deeds are evident *and* conspicuous, and even when they are not, they cannot remain hidden [indefinitely].



Widows (vv. 1-16). The church in Ephesus was about 10 years old, and its charitable work was well developed and carefully administered. A Christian who refuses to support his own dependents is worse than an unbeliever (v. 8). **Elders (vv. 17-25).** They are called overseers in 3:1-7 (KJV, bishops), where their qualifications were discussed. Here Paul writes about their treatment. Then as now busybodies were whispering against their church leaders (v. 19. "A little wine" (v. 23): note that it was little, and that it was for medicinal purposes. (Halley's Bible Handbook; Henry Halley; history and commentaries; 2000; page 839)

Galatians 1:8 (AMP)

⁸ But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to *and* different from that which we preached to you, let him be accursed (anathema, devoted to destruction, doomed to eternal punishment)!

Paul gives Timothy advice on his relations with believers in the church. The woman who liveth in pleasure is a woman who's forsaken the Lord to live in the world. Threescore is sixty. Paul is still talking about the young widows. Though in verse 11 it appears that he doesn't want them to marry, he's speaking of widows forsaking the Lord to marry. He advised the younger widows to marry and care for thie homes and children, rather than to stay single and be tempted to waste their lives. "Relieve" means take care of. Timothy had a problem adjusting to the water in Ephesus (similar to the stomach problems we sometimes develop by drinking water in a foreign country). (New Testament Study Guide; 2005; Chuck Smith, notes and commentaries; pages 132-133)

Are you helping take care of and provide for any relatives you have who are unable to take care of themselves, especially parents and grandparents? Did you know that doing so is God's will? It is our Christian duty (see 1 Timothy 5:4).

Some people think they are exempt their attitude toward this biblical instruction is that they are exempt from this expectation due to how they were treated. After all, how could God expect you to take care of people who never did anything for you but hurt me? Perhaps you have been hurt by your parents and now you ignore them. This is understandable, but not acceptable

We must realize that "hurting people hurt people," and develop a merciful, forgiving attitude toward those who have hurt us. When we have truly forgiven we are willing to help those who do not deserve to be helped. We do not deserve God's help, but He helps us anyway and He expects us to do the same for others.

Although it was difficult, for some people there came a time when they made the decision to take care of their elderly parents and they have seen God's favor and blessing as a result. We may do other "good works," or "church work," but if we ignore this duty, we are not doing what is right. If a believer fails to provide for his relatives he is worse than an unbeliever who does perform his obligation in this matter (see 1 Timothy 5:8).

Maybe you were not ever mistreated by your parents, but are now too busy to call them, your grandparents and your other relatives. Perhaps your schedule is too full to attend family functions. Most of our schedules are too full of things that are not even important. They are filled with things we want to do, not with things we should do. Although God wants us to be blessed and have our desires met, He first and foremost wants us to do our duty as believers in Jesus Christ. If we do not care for our own families, God is not pleased.

God's Word teaches us not to hide ourselves from the needs of our own flesh and blood (see Isaiah 58:7). The instruction is followed by a promise of blessing: "Then shall your light break forth and your healing (your restoration and the power of a new life) shall spring forth speedily...." (Isaiah 58:8). Blessings do follow obedience. Let me encourage you specifically to obey 1 Timothy 5:4-8. I believe you will experience blessings as you do.

First Timothy 5:8 tells us we have a responsibility to care for our families. We have a duty not only to care for our spouses and our children, but if we have elderly parents or grandparents, we need to provide for them as well. This is a duty we must perform whether we feel like it or not.

You may have dependent elderly parents who never really took proper care of you. They may have even abused you. Is it really your duty to take care of them now? Yes, it is. If you cannot do it for *them*, do it for *God* with a good attitude. As you do, you will demonstrate the kind of fruit that accompanies obedient faith.

Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. **Matthew 11:29**

"After that ye have suffered awhile, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you." 1Peter 5:10

(Amplified Bible; The Everyday Life Bible; 2005; Joyce Meyers Ministry; Scripture, notes, commentaries; 2005; pages 1999 -2002)

Psa 119:105
Thy word [is] a lamp unto
my feet, and a light unto my path.



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