

# Opening Up I Timothy



**“Cultivating Caring Relationships”  
I Timothy 5:1-16**



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**2** older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, with all purity.

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**4** But if any widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show piety at home and to repay their parents; for this is good and acceptable before God.



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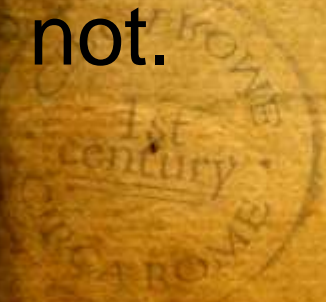
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**14** Therefore I desire that the younger widows marry, bear children, manage the house, give no opportunity to the adversary to speak reproachfully.

**15** For some have already turned aside after Satan.

**16** If any believing man or woman has widows, let them relieve them, and do not let the church be burdened, that it may relieve those who are really widows.



## Acts 6:1 (NKJV)

1 Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their **widows were neglected** in the daily distribution.







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## **Galatians 6:1–2 (NKJV)**

1 Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.

2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

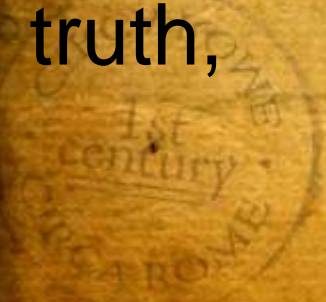




## **2 Timothy 2:24–25 (NKJV)**

**24** And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient,

**25** in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth,





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## **5. God's First Plan for the Care of Widows (v. 16)**

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## Deuteronomy 14:29 (NKJV)

**29** And the Levite, because he has no portion nor inheritance with you, and the stranger and the fatherless and the **widow** who are within your gates, may come and eat and be satisfied, that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hand which you do.





## Deuteronomy 27:19 (NKJV)

**19** 'Cursed is the one who perverts the justice due the stranger, the fatherless, and **widow.**' "And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'

