<u>THE PASTOR AND HIS PEOPLE</u>

I Timothy 5:1-8

Intro:

    A.    What a church is not.
        1.    It is not a building.
        2.    It is not a thing.

    B.    What a church is:
        1.    It is a divine institution.
        2.    It is the Lord's body.
        3.    It is people.

    C.    How are people to be treated?
        1.    Is this a matter of insight or choice?
        2.    Has God set standards, rules, and principles that are to be followed?
        3.    The answer, of course, is yes

I.    <u>The Pastor, The Church And Non-Widows</u>.

    A.    **Vs 1 "Rebuke not an elder, but intreat him as a father;..."**
        1.    "<u>Rebuke</u>" = επιπλησσω = "to strike upon", "to strike at", "to censure severely".
        2.    "<u>Elder</u>" = πρεσβυτερος = In Judaism it means older, but is never without dignity and wisdom. Among Gentiles it applied to some office and also included dignity and wisdom.
        3.    "<u>Intreat</u>" = παρακαλεω = "to encourage".

    B.    **"...and the younger men as brethren."**
        1.    "<u>Younger</u>" = νεος = "young, comp. younger".
        2.    "Treat younger men like brothers" - MOF

    C.    **Vs 2 "The elder women as mothers;..."**
        1.    "<u>Mothers</u>" = μητηρ = "a mother".
        2.    "Treat the older women as mothers". - TAY

D.    "...the younger as sisters, with all purity."
1.    "Purity" = αγνεια = "clean", "chaste", "not defiled".


II.    The Pastor, The Church, And Widows.

A.    Vs 3  "Honour widows that are widows indeed."
1.    "Honour" = τιμαω = "to show respect", "support".
2.    "Widow" = χηρα = "bereaved" (of one's husband).
3.    "Indeed" = of "ειμι" οντως = "really", "actually".

B.    Vs 4  "But if any widow have children or nephews, let them learn first to show piety at home, and to requite their parents:..."
1.    "Requite" = αποδιδωμι = "to render back", + αμοιβη = "change", "returns" = "to give back in return".
2.    If someone has reared you, return the work to them

C.    "...for this is good and acceptable before God."
1.    "Acceptable" = αποδεκτος = "pleasing", "welcome".
2.    "For that is what God approves" - GSPD

D.    Vs 5  "Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusteth in God and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day."
1.    "Desolate" = "to be left alone"  (continually)
2.    This is a true widow, one that is left alone and her hope is in God.  She continually offers prayers and petitions to God.

E.    Vs 6  "But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth."
1.    "Liveth in pleasure" = σπαταλαω = "to live in luxury in eating and drinking", "to indulge one's self", "to live wantonly".

F.    "...is dead while she liveth."
1.    "Dead" = αποθνησκω = "to die", "to be dead".
2.    Any person who gives themselves to such a philosophy is dead in the sense that all they do is contrary to life's true purpose.

III. <u>These Concepts Are To Be Taught</u>.

    A. **Vs 7**   **"And these things give in charge,..."**
        1.   "<u>Charge</u>" = παραγγελλω = "to command".
        2.   "Press these facts upon them" - WEY

    B.   **"...that they may be blameless."**
        1.   "<u>Blameless</u>" = ανεπιλητος = "not to be caught anywhere (on one's body) by an antagonist".
        2.   "So that no evil may be said of anyone" - BAS


IV.   <u>The Consequences Of Not Following Paul's Command</u>.

    A.   **Vs 8**   **"But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house,..."**
        1   "<u>Provide</u>" = προνοεω = "to provide for on one's own behalf".
        2.   "<u>Specially</u>" = μαλιστα = "most of all".
        3.   "<u>One's own house</u>" = οικειος = "belonging to οικια = house, family, kindred, and relations".
        4.   "If a man makes no provision for his own relations" - WEY + "for those of his immediate family".

    B.   **"...he hath denied the faith,..."**
        1.   "<u>Denied</u>" = αρνεομαι = "to disown", "to say no", "to refuse".
        2.   "<u>The faith</u>" = την πιστιν = "the faith"   The things that Jesus taught.
        3.   "...has contradicted the teaching of the faith..." KNOX

    C.   **"...and is worse than an infidel."**
        1.   "<u>Worse</u>" = χειρων = "comparison", "worse".
        2.   "<u>Infidel</u>" = απιστος = "no faith".
        3.   "and his conduct is worse than one who does not believe (in Christ)."