

**True Faith**  
**1 Timothy: Sound Doctrine in a Noisy World**  
March 22, 2026

**Questions for Personal Reflection and Group Discussion**

**1. Read 1 Timothy 5:1-2.**

In chapter 3, verse 15 Paul referred to the church as the “household” of God. Here Paul underscores this church as a family picture by describing how the members of the church are to relate to one another. In what ways does this ‘family language’ help you understand what relationships are supposed to look like between believers?

What attitudes and characteristics does Paul say we are to embody in our interactions with one another?

When we treat one another as family in the church, what does that communicate about God to the world around us?

**2. Read 1 Timothy 5:3-16.**

What principles for taking care of widows does Paul give to the church in these verses?

Paul’s instructions struck a balance between helping people but not enabling them to stay stuck. How does caring for another with both compassion and discernment demonstrate God’s love for them?

Do you know any widows or retired women who are powerful prayer warriors? What qualities do you admire about them?

**3. Read 1 Timothy 5:17-21, Galatians 6:1-3 and Hebrews 12:6.**

What does the way we honor leaders in the church say about our family culture?

Why is it important that matters of discipline involving leaders are handled so carefully? What is at stake when an accusation is made against a church leader?

**4. Read 1 Timothy 5:22-25.**

Why is it important to go slow when choosing someone for a leadership role in church? What qualities do we need to look for when considering someone for leadership?

Do your interactions with your spiritual family display the steadfast love of God? How might God be calling you to grow in how you interact with your family?