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## INSTRUCTIONS OF GOD IN THE LETTERS FROM PAUL

### INDUCTIVE LESSON FIVE LOVING THE BRETHREN

1 Timothy 5

#### Day One

Text: (Begin this week's lesson by reading the assigned passage several times.)

Hint: Read the passage repeatedly, prayerfully, thoughtfully, meditatively and patiently.

#### 1 Timothy 5

1 Do not rebuke an older man, but exhort him as a father, younger men as brothers, 2 older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, with all purity.

3 Honor widows who are really widows. 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. 5 Now she who is really a widow, and left alone, trusts in God and continues in supplications and prayers night and day. 6 But she who lives in pleasure is dead while she lives. 7 And these things command, that they may be blameless. 8 But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

9 Do not let a widow under sixty years old be taken into the number, and not unless she has been the wife of one man, 10 well reported for good works: if she has brought up children, if she has lodged strangers, if she has washed the saints' feet, if she has relieved the afflicted, if she has diligently followed every good work.

11 But refuse the younger widows; for when they have begun to grow wanton against Christ, they desire to marry, 12 having condemnation because they have cast off their first faith. 13 And besides they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house, and not only idle but also gossips and busybodies, saying things which they ought not. 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.

17 Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine. 18 For the Scripture says, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain," and, "The laborer is worthy of his wages." 19 Do not receive an accusation against an elder except from two or three witnesses. 20 Those who are sinning rebuke in the presence of all, that the rest also may fear.

21 I charge you before God and the Lord Jesus Christ and the elect angels that you observe these things without prejudice, doing nothing with partiality. 22 Do not lay hands on anyone hastily, nor share in other people's sins; keep yourself pure.

23 No longer drink only water, but use a little wine for your stomach's sake and your frequent infirmities.

24 Some men's sins are clearly evident, preceding them to judgment, but those of some men follow later. 25 Likewise, the good works of some are clearly evident, and those that are otherwise cannot be hidden.

**Memory Verse:** 1 Timothy 5:1

"Do not rebuke an older man, but exhort him as a father, younger men as brothers, "

## Day Two

**Words Matter:** In this portion of the lesson we will take a closer look at one or two key words in the chapter. You will need to have your tools or resources at hand, such as more than one Bible translation, a dictionary or Bible dictionary, concordance, atlas, and encyclopedia. If you don't have all of these, simply use what you do have to enrich your learning. To do some digging on your own, start with your dictionary (or Bible dictionary) and then look up the references to add to your understanding. If you have additional resources, you may want to keep digging. Record these additional notes in the Tool Box section of your study. After you've completed the investigative process, write a definition in your own words. Your investigation in today's lesson will lay the groundwork for deeper discoveries in subsequent lessons, so be as thorough as you can.

**Rebuke:** 1 Timothy 5:4

"Do not rebuke an older man, but exhort him as a father, younger men as brothers, older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, with all purity. "

Dictionary or Concordance definition:

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What does the Bible have to say?

Ruth 2:16

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Job 6:26

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Psalms 119:21

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Write your own definition:

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### **Day Three**

**Toolbox:** Use your toolbox or secondary helps to enhance your observational findings.

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Bible Commentary:

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### **Day Four**

**1 Timothy 5:1–2** (Today's highlighted passage of study.)

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**I. Observation:** Finding the literal facts or most obvious details of the passage.

Hint: Begin observation by asking the questions who, what, where, when, why, and how.

Verses 1–2

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**II. Interpretation:** Discovering the lessons or meaning of God's instruction to His people.

Hint: Try to place yourself with these people, in their circumstances, at this time of Bible history.

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**III. Application:** Applying the lessons and meaning of God's instructions to His people.

Hint: Apply the lesson or lessons you found in the interpretation section in the form of a question.

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## Day Five

**1 Timothy 5:3–16** (Today's highlighted passage of study.)

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**I. Observation:** Finding the literal facts or most obvious details of the passage.

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