

**1 Timothy 5: 3 – 16**

**What does society think ‘the church’ should do for widows and other vulnerable people in society?**

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1. a) What does it mean to be a Christian widow who is ‘really in need?’

b) What strikes you about the qualifications for being on the ‘list of widows’?

c) Why does Paul exclude younger women from the list?

d) What warning are the widows given and why?

e) What does this passage teach us about what it means to be a godly woman?

2. a) Why is a believer ‘worse than’ neglect to provide for their in

b) In New Zealand, State fund provision for widows to ensure means to look after themselves

Where does this leave the church for widows?

c) What does it mean for the them’ (v16)?

3. a) What is our challenge as Christians widows in our families and churches

b) Is the application of this passage for widows, or is it more broadly