

# The Order of Mature Widows

1 Timothy 5:9-16 (Series: The Transforming Church)  
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### A. Correcting people (5:1-2)

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#### 1. Honoring and caring for widows (v. 3-8)

#### 2. Qualifying widows for \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 9-15) (cf. 1 Tim. 2:11-12; Acts 9:36-39)

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✓ <sup>2c</sup> sober-minded,		
✓ <sup>2d</sup> self-controlled,		
✓ <sup>2e</sup> respectable,		
✓ <sup>2f</sup> hospitable,		✓ <sup>10c</sup> has shown hospitality, has washed the feet of the saints, has cared for the afflicted.
✓ <sup>2g</sup> able to teach,	✓ <sup>9</sup> They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience.	✓ <sup>10d</sup> devoted herself to every good work.
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✓ <sup>3b</sup> not violent but gentle,		
✓ <sup>3c</sup> not quarrelsome,	✓ <sup>8c</sup> not double-tongued,	✓ <sup>13b</sup> [Not] idlers, going about from house to house
✓ <sup>3d</sup> not a lover of money,	✓ <sup>11</sup> Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things.	✓ <sup>13c</sup> [Not] gossips
✓ <sup>4a</sup> ...manage his own household well,	✓ <sup>8e</sup> not greedy for dishonest gain.	✓ <sup>13d</sup> [Not] busybodies, saying what they should
✓ <sup>4b</sup> ...keeping his children submissive,	✓ <sup>12b</sup> managing their children well.	
✓ <sup>6</sup> ...not a recent convert,	✓ <sup>10a</sup> be tested first then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless.	✓ <sup>9a</sup> not less than sixty years of age
✓ <sup>7</sup> ...well thought of by outsiders,		✓ <sup>13a</sup> But refuse to enroll younger widows, ✓ <sup>10a</sup> and having a reputation for good works:

- a. Widows to \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 9-10)
  - 1). Not less than sixty years of age (v. 9a)
  - 2). Wife of \_\_\_\_\_ husband (v. 9b)
  - 3). And having a reputation for \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 10a) [c.f. 3:7 “[overseer to be]... well thought of by outsiders,”]
  - 4). If she has brought up \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 10b) (Ps. 127:3-5)  
[Overseers to “keep [their] children submissive” (3:4b). Deacons to “manage their children well” (3:12b).]
  - 5). Has shown \_\_\_\_\_, has washed the feet of the saints, has cared for the afflicted (v. 10c) [3:2 Therefore an overseer must be... hospitable...]
  - 6). \_\_\_\_\_ herself to every good work (10d)
- b. Widows not to enroll (v. 11-15)
  - 1). The risks of enrolling younger widows (v. 11-13)
    - i. But \_\_\_\_\_ to enroll younger widows, (11-12)
      - a). Their passions to marry put them at greater risk of being \_\_\_\_\_ from Christ (v.11b)
      - b). A greater inclination to \_\_\_\_\_ the faith leading to condemnation (v. 12).
    - ii. [Not] idlers, going about from house to house. [Not] gossips. [Not] busybodies, saying what they should not (v. 13) [Deacons’ wives same qual. in 3:11]
  - 2). The opportunities for \_\_\_\_\_ of un-enrolled, younger widows (v. 14-16)
    - i. Younger widows marry, bear children (v. 14a)
    - ii. manage their households (v. 14b)
    - iii. \_\_\_\_\_ the adversary no occasion for slander (v. 14c) (cf. 1 Thess. 5:22; 1 Cor. 7:8-9)
    - iv. [Not] straying after \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 15)
    - v. Caring for relatives who are widows (v. 16a)
      - a). Any believing woman related to a widow (16a)
  - b). Women to care for widows in their family so the church can focus on widows with no family (v. 16b)

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