

## Family Matters > 1 Timothy 5:1-2

**5:1** Paul calls Timothy to treat those within the church with respect. They still have need of Timothy's pastoral correction, but his strategy with them is to be one of encouragement. While this is particularly true of how a younger Timothy is to approach the older men in the church, it also applies to the younger men and to the older and younger women as well.

**5:2** Timothy's attitude of authority with respect, honor with humility, is to continue with the older and younger ladies of the church. With the younger ladies specifically, Paul adds one more qualifier: Timothy is to act and speak towards them with complete purity, which safeguards not only their own and the church's reputation, but his own as well.

**Context:** Paul has written often about how the church is a spiritual family. Starting in **chapter 5**, we'll see what that looks like practically for different groups in the church.

**Aim:** Timothy's actions and attitude toward others in the church is to be one of encouragement rather than rebuke. As a younger pastor, this attitude will enable him to shepherd effectively and wield his authority in a God-honoring way.

**Gospel:** Jesus Himself taught us not only about the spiritual family of the church, but also about what it looks like to treat those in need of correction with genuine love and care. Because of this, we have a new identity that should drive all of our words and actions with regard to one another.

**Applications:** Whatever life stage you are at, how can your interactions with older/younger, male/female, be marked by this sort of encouraging Gospel care?

**Here is how I will apply these truths:** \_\_\_\_\_

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