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# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Sun. June 15 Coffee & Connection

Sun. June 15 Father's Day

Sun. June 15 Child Dedication

Sun. June 15 Family Sunday

Wed. June 18 Summer Bible Studies begin

Sat. June 21 Men's Breakfast & Service Day

Sun. June 29 PLACE Class begins

Sun. June 29 Watermelon Sale for GBBMI

Fri. July 4 Church Office Closed

Sun. July 6 E3 Event

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Telephone: 254.848.7200 Good Morning Fellowship!

On this Father's Day, we will take a close look at the Father-heart of God for widows. In 1 Timothy 5:3-16, we will discover a call to honor the widows in our lives and the practical, life-giving ways they are to be cared for and esteemed.

Grant Kaul, Senior Pastor

#### A Call to Honor: Guidelines for the Care of Widows

Intentional Church:
The Traits of a Church in Love with Christ

1 Timothy 5:3-16

Why is it important for Christians to honor widows?

- It reflects God's heart
- God commands it

Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

James 1:27

- It models Christ-like compassion
- It strengthens the family and the church family











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P.O. Box 21655 Waco, TX 76702 Guidelines for a God-glorifying way to honor and care for widows:

Widows with no living relatives

5:3, 5, 9-10, 16

Widows with living relatives

5:4

Widows likely to remarry

5:11-15

#### How do Christians honor widows practically?

- Show respect
- Value their presence and contributions
- Listen to their stories and learn from their wisdom.
- Help see that their needs are provided for
- Care for them emotionally and spiritually
- Respect and receive their wisdom

How we go about our lives reveals what we believe about God.

Let our love for God and His word guide how we care for the widows in our lives.





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Small Groups

### My personal application of this passage:

#### **Questions for individual study and LIFE Groups:**

- 1. Why is it important to honor widows?
- 2. How should Christians today think about caring for elderly parents or relatives in need?
- 3. What does verse 5 teach us about dependence on God in hard seasons of life?
- 4. Why is caring for family such a central Christian responsibility?
- 5. How does this passage challenge or encourage our church (or small group) to be more intentional in caring for those who are vulnerable or overlooked? What are some practical ways we can honor those who are widows?

