

Questions for Consideration—Lesson 14—1 Timothy 5:3-10— Destitute,
Defended and Dead Widows!

1. According to 1 Timothy 5:3-10 what constitutes a real widow?
2. Memorize 1 Timothy 5:5 *or* 5:8.
3. (a) As you read the following passages look for what the Lord's attitudes towards widows along with what He expects our attitudes to be towards widows. (If it is in the text.) Exodus 22:22,23; Deuteronomy 10:18,19; 14:29; 24:17,18; 26:12,13; 27:19; Psalm 68:4,5; Psalm 146:9; Proverbs 15:25; Isaiah 1:17; Malachi 3:5; Luke 7:11-15; 21:1-4; John 19:26,27. (b) Do you think these are the attitudes that the church expresses towards widows today?
4. (a) As you read Genesis 45:3, 9-13; 46:28-34; 47:7, 27-31 and 50:1-14 what things do you notice about Joseph's care for his father Jacob? (b) How does this compare with those in our world and their care for their widowed parents?
5. (a) In what ways do you see God provide for the widows mentioned in 1 Kings 17:8-16 and Ruth? (Skim the book of Ruth.) (b) How does this give you hope that God will provide (and does provide) for you should you become widowed? (c) How has God provided for you thus far? (Whether widowed or married!)
6. (a) Do you know who the widows are in your church? (b) How do you think a church can best minister to widows? (c) How do you minister to them?
7. As we think about the importance of ministering to widows, we must remember what Paul says that we reap what we sow. (Galatians 6:7) What are you sowing in regards to caring for the widows? Please come with a prayer request for how you might better minister to those who are widows indeed!

James 1:27 Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.