

DEAR TIMOTHY: God's family, God's reputation

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Text: 1 Timothy 5:1-25 (page s 992-993)

The Church isn't *like* a family, we *are* a family. (1 Timothy 3:15)

The Church is called to show the world what Jesus is like.

Meet each person in their unique situation. (1 Timothy 5:1-7)

The world connects our behavior to God's character. (1 Timothy 5:8)

Every person is immensely valuable to God. (1 Timothy 5:9-10)

Don't give the adversary an occasion for slander. (1 Timothy 5:11-16)

Those who have devoted themselves to our spiritual well-being are worthy of double honor, not double trouble. (1 Timothy 5:17-19)

We have a duty to lovingly rebuke, not condemn. (1 Timothy 5:20)

Jesus already assigned our value by His death on our behalf.
(1 Timothy 5:21)

1 Timothy 5:22-25

Food for Thought for the week of July 30, 2017

(Questions and Scriptures for further study and discussion.)

1. Describe a time you were doing something and said, "I'm just like my mom/dad!"

2. What does "honor" mean to you? Where have you seen honor in your life?

3. Are there people in your life that you need to begin honoring? Who are the "least of these" in your life?

4. Why is it sometimes hard to honor others?

5. How did Jesus treat the least of these? How does Jesus view and treat the Church?

6. If we started treating our church like a family, what do you think Pleasant Valley would start to look like?

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