

1 TIMOTHY 5:1-16

“How to Be the Church”

Introduction-

Paul focuses on internal relationships and responsibilities:

I. RESPECT FELLOW BELIEVERS AS FAMILY – vv. 1-2

1- The Church as Family

2- The Respect Due to Family

II. CARE FOR THE NEEDY – vv. 3-16

1- The Care for Widows- v. 3

2- The Qualifications for Care- vv. 4-10, 16

3- The Case of Younger Widows- vv. 11-15

4- The Principles for Providing Care

- a) The priority for care is believers
- b) The first responsibility belongs to the family
- c) The care should not support an ungodly lifestyle
- d) Those receiving care should respond by serving

Conclusion- Following this instruction will help us to be the church God intends