

SERMON SUMMARY

Date: October 14, 2007	11:00 am Worship Service
Preacher: Rev. Donald Lawrence	Reference: I Timothy 5:1-16
Topic: Grasping Our Lord's Desire... For The Use of Money and Your Family	

What is in our minds will affect how we spend our money and our attitude to others. 1 Timothy was written to counter the drift to false doctrines and practices. In our focus passage the concern was for the proper approach in relating to all in the church. Particular instruction is also given in respect of the treatment of widows.

Verses 1-2 speak of Respect in Caring, seen through two types of care:

- ✦ Affectionate (1-2a)
- ✦ Altruistic care (2b)

Money must be spent with pure motives. We ought to be genuine in our actions because Money should promote Honor in the Family.

Responsibility in Caring is the focus of verses 3-8, broken down as:

- ✦ Designated in the Faith (3)
- ✦ Duty in the Faith (4)
- ✦ Dependent through Faith (5)
- ✦ Dead to the Faith (6-7)
- ✦ Denying the Faith (8)

This is a reminder that money should be spent on what is proper. We need to be godly in our actions because Money should promote Holiness in the Family.

In verses 9-16, we see a Rationale in Caring through:

- ✦ Prescription for helping older widows (9-10)
- ✦ Prohibition in helping younger widows (11-15)
- ✦ Principles for Christian female relatives of widows (16)

Money ought to be spent proportionately. This demands that we be guided in our actions because the fact is that Money should promote Helpfulness through the Family.

The Lord expects that our spirituality would not be found wanting, as a result of our intention towards and involvement with those in need around us, particularly our family members. Let take care to be aware of what is pleasing to the Lord as we respond to the needs of those in our circle.

