

The Gospel-Shaped Church: Paul's Letters to Timothy
Gospel-Shaped Community (Part 2)
1 Timothy 5:1–16 | Andrew Belli

Thesis: As God's household, a local church is called to love one another as family, especially by supporting those without a family.

- I. The Body of Christ Honors One Another as Family (5:1–2)**
 - A. Members of God's Household by Adoption
 - B. Do Not Be Hostile to One Another
 - C. Love One Another as Parents and Siblings

- II. The Body of Christ Cares for Those Without a Family (5:3–16)**
 - A. Honoring "True Widows" (3)
 - 1. True widows are without relatives (4)
 - a. Natural families must provide for their own (8, 16)
 - 2. True widows are devoted to God (5–7)
 - B. Discerning Those Truly in Need
 - 1. Godly older widows (9–10)
 - a. Had been faithful wives
 - b. Selflessly devoted to good works
 - 2. Younger widows
 - a. Prone to temptations (11–13)
 - b. Encouraged instead to remarry (14–15)
 - c. Should serve needy widows in her family (16)

- III. Growing in Our Love as the Body of Christ**
 - A. Put Your Faith into Practice
 - B. Care for Your Relatives
 - C. Care for Your Church Family
 - D. Care for the Extended Family of Christ
 - E. Show Christ's Love to the Lost