

## **STUDY 6 - Proper Recognition (1 Timothy 5:1-6:2)**

*Describe some of the differences between the ways in which you relate to the following people: your father, your mother, your employer (or employees), your female friends, your male friends.*

### **READ 1 Timothy 5:1-16**

1. How is Timothy to relate to the various men and women in the household of God? How is this similar to Paul's instructions to Titus (Titus 2:1-6)?
  
2. Describe the character of the widow whom the church ought to help.
  
3. Why are young widows not to be listed for assistance?
  
4. Compare the following verses. Are there any significant differences between how widows and women in general should behave?
  - (a) 1 Timothy 2:9-11
  
  - (b) 1 Timothy 5:9-10, 14
  
  - (c) Titus 2:3-5

### **READ 1 Timothy 5:17-6:2**

5. In what ways are we to honour the elders of the congregation?
  
6. Why ought an elder who persists in sin be rebuked in public?
  
7. Why should slaves show respect to their masters?
  
8. If a master is a Christian, how does that affect the way a slave serves him?

### **Implications**

- Consider your relationships with different people in your congregation—older people, younger people, men and women. Think of some practical ways in which the instructions in 5:1-2 might be worked out with each general group.
  
- What responsibilities do you have towards:
  - your own family?
  - people in need within your congregation?

### **Give thanks and pray**

*Thank him for the diversity of the body of Christ, which enables us to care for those who cannot care for themselves (1 Corinthians 12).*