

THE DAILY CONUNDRUM

1 TIMOTHY 5:1-25



1 TIMOTHY 4:12

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.

1 TIMOTHY 5:1-2

1 Never speak harshly to an older man,[a] but
appeal to him respectfully as you would to
your own father. Talk to younger men as
you would to your own brothers. 2 Treat
older women as you would your mother,
and treat younger women with all purity as
you would your own sisters.

[a] or *an elder*



A CASE STUDY ON MERCY
THE LIST OF WIDOWS





ACTS 2:44-46

44 And all the believers met together in
one place and **shared everything they
had**. 45 They sold their property and
possessions and **shared the money with
those in need**. 46 They worshiped together
at the Temple each day, met in homes for
the Lord's Supper, and **shared their meals**
with great joy and generosity.



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In the face of immense need, and endless opportunities to extend mercy, **where do we direct that energy?**

1 TIMOTHY 5:3-4

3 Take care of [b] any widow who has no one
else to care for her. 4 But if she has children
or grandchildren, their first responsibility is
to show godliness at home and repay their
parents by taking care of them. This is
something that pleases God.



[b] or *Honour*

1 TIMOTHY 5:5-7

5 Now a true widow, a woman who is truly
alone in this world, has placed her hope in
God. She prays night and day, asking God
for his help. 6 But the widow who lives only
for pleasure is spiritually dead even while
she lives. 7 Give these instructions to the
church so that no one will be open to
criticism.



1 TIMOTHY 5:8

8 But those who won't care for their relatives, especially those in their own household, have denied the true faith. Such people are worse than unbelievers.



1 TIMOTHY 5:9-10

9 A widow who is put on the list for support must be a woman who is at least sixty years old and was faithful to her husband.[c] 10 She must be well respected by everyone because of the good she has done. Has she brought up her children well? Has she been kind to strangers and served other believers humbly?[d] Has she helped those who are in trouble? Has she always been ready to do good?

[c] Greek *was the wife of one husband.*
[d] Greek *and washed the feet of God's holy people?*



1 TIMOTHY 5:11-13

11 The younger widows should not be on
the list, because their physical desires will
overpower their devotion to Christ and
they will want to remarry. 12 Then they
would be guilty of breaking their previous
pledge. 13 And if they are on the list, they
will learn to be lazy and will spend their
time gossiping from house to house,
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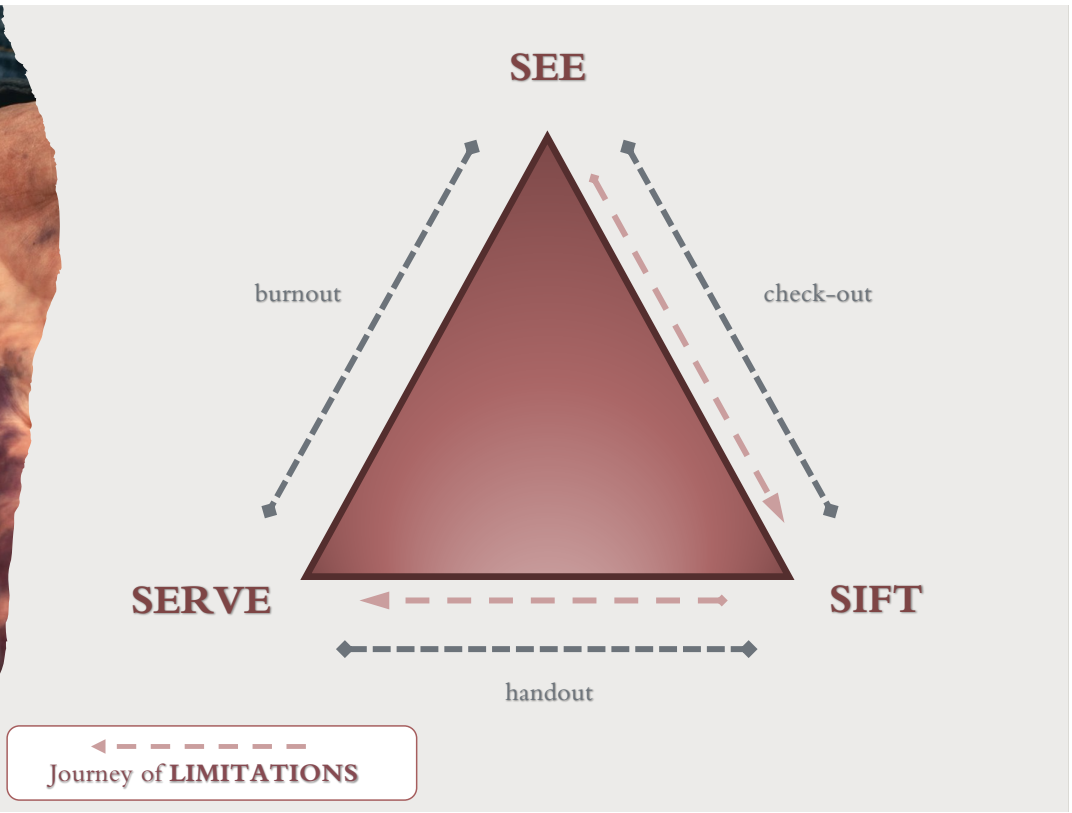
1 TIMOTHY 5:14-16

14 So I advise these younger widows to
marry again, have children, and take care of
their own homes. Then the enemy will not
be able to say anything against them. 15 For I
am afraid that some of them have already
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16 If a woman who is a believer has relatives
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church. Then the church can care for the
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PERMISSIONS OF GRACE
TO SUSTAIN YOUR MERCY



1 TIMOTHY 5:22-25

22 **Never be in a hurry about appointing a church leader.** Do not share in the sins of others. Keep yourself pure.

23 Don't drink only water. You ought to drink a little wine for the sake of your stomach because you are sick so often.

24 Remember, the sins of some people are obvious, leading them to certain judgment. But there are others whose sins will not be revealed until later. 25 In the same way, the good deeds of some people are obvious. And the good deeds done in secret will someday come to light.



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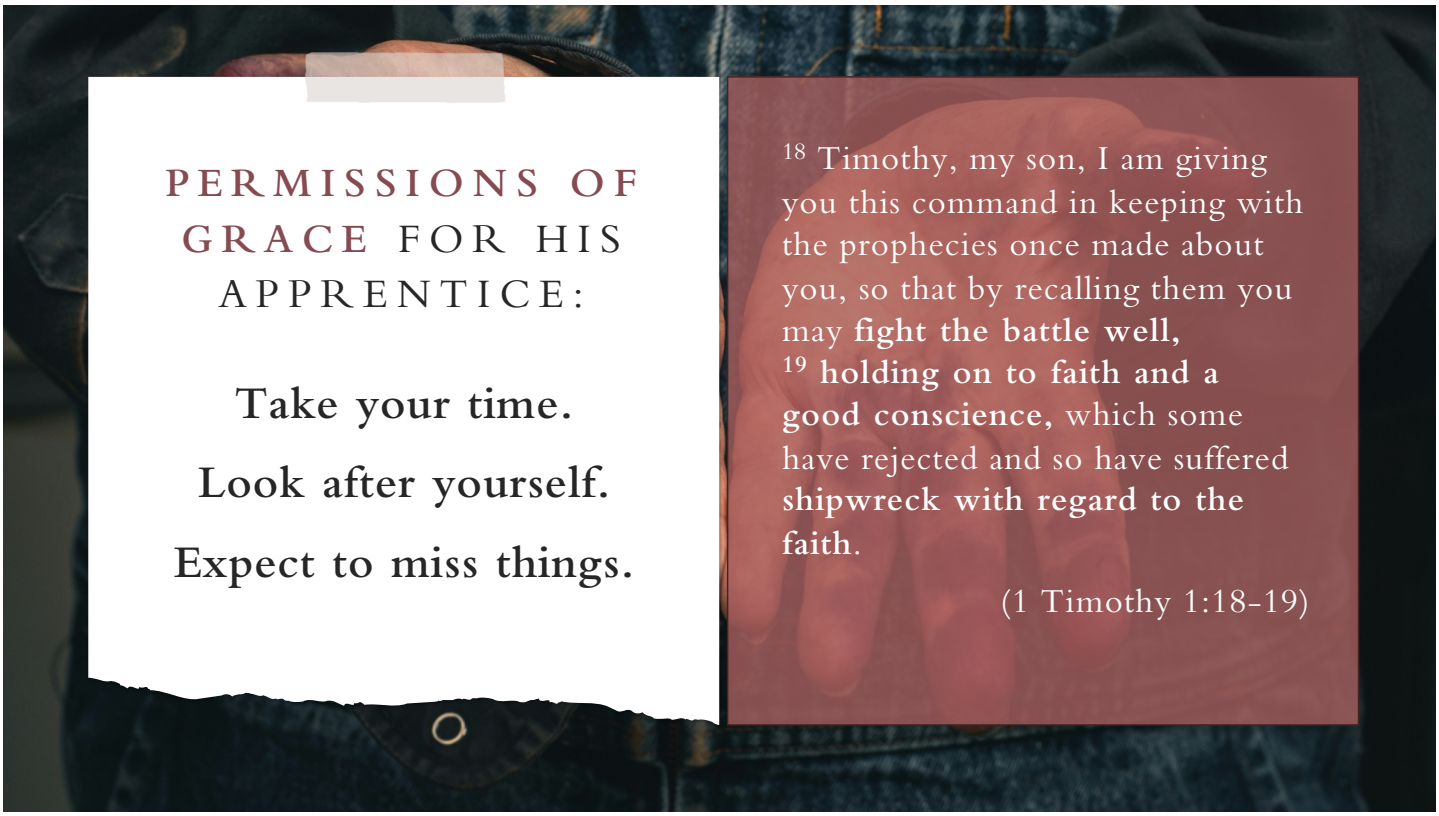
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PERMISSIONS OF GRACE FOR HIS APPRENTICE:

Take your time.

Look after yourself.

Expect to miss things.

18 Timothy, my son, I am giving
you this command in keeping with
the prophecies once made about
you, so that by recalling them you
may **fight the battle well,**
19 **holding on to faith and a**
good conscience, which some
have rejected and so have suffered
shipwreck with regard to the
faith.

(1 Timothy 1:18-19)



Where is God inviting you to be
faithful in mercy this week?