

### **Making application from the message to life:**

- 5) What if you are estranged from your parents? Do you have to provide for mother or grandma if dad or grandpa dies? \_\_\_\_\_ Why does God place a strong emphasis on family in this context? What does it represent?
- 6) How do you teach people to take care of their own? What if they don't want to? What if they don't know how? How will you disciple them?
- 7) What are several examples of situations when you would not provide support to someone from the benevolent fund at Grace?

### Principles on the Poor

- Care for the poor or live with the consequences Pro. 21:13; Gal. 2:9-10
- Caring for the poor demonstrates our relationship to God Jer. 22:16; Jam. 1:29
- Giving to the poor reveals a right heart toward God Matt. 19:20-23
- It is more blessed to give than receive Acts 20:35
- All saints have the privilege of providing for the needs of the saints Rom. 12:13
- While we have opportunity, we are to do good for all men, and especially saints Gal. 6:10
- God is pleased with sacrifices and sharing Heb. 13:16
- The believing poor will be comforted in heaven Luke 16:19-25
- The poor are able to worship and give to the Lord Luke 21:1-4
- If they are able to work, they must 2 Thes. 3:10
- Go to the defense of the poor Ps. 82:3
- This is not socialism, or an uncle sugar society. This is personal assistance in another's life, because God has blessed you and you are motivated to help.

## ***Train Your Replacements: How to Care for People***

### ***1 Timothy 5:7-16***

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Galatians 6:10

**How do you show “caring relationships,” especially to widows?**

#### **1) Provide for Jesus' family 5:7-8**

#### **2) Provide care for widows to honor Jesus 5:9-10**

- 1 Tim. 6:6-8
- Must be \_\_\_\_\_. She can get married 1 Cor. 7:39
- one man \_\_\_\_\_ The key is \_\_\_\_\_
- Known for \_\_\_\_\_

1 Cor. 4:1

Jam. 1:27

#### **3) Disciple younger widows to honor Jesus 5:11-15**

- 1 Cor. 7:34-35
- Matt. 12:36-37

### 3) Disciple younger widows to honor Jesus 5:11-15 (cont.)

- Gen. 1:28; Mal. 2:15  
Pro. 31:10-31  
Rom. 7:8,11; 2 Cor. 11:12
- Titus 2:3-5

### 4) Disciple believers to care for their own for Jesus' sake 5:16

## *Jesus is Your Provider!*

*How we care for the vulnerable reveals how God cares for us.*

*Take care of your family and let the church care for others in need.*

- The church must care for people, but family is first responsible.
- Caring for people is misunderstood, abused and complicated.
- Caring for grandparents should receive a higher priority than presently exists, but their resources should be used first. Be wise about how you care for God's eternal blessing.
- Widows must remember God's care, family responsibility, and ministry opportunities. Graciously accept that support.

### Message Based Discussion Questions

- 1) How did your guardians show you that you would be cared for as a child?

#### **Digging Deeper:**

- 2) Does God care if families suffer when the dad dies? \_\_\_\_\_ Why is there such a strong command to provide for your family (cf. 1 Tim 5:7-8)? Does this only apply to fathers?

- 3) Was a widow free to make a vow? \_\_\_\_\_ If a widow were to make a vow to serve in the church and then break that vow to get married, what would God's view of that be (cf. Num. 30:2; Deut. 23:21; Ecc. 5:4-5)?

- 4) Should the church evaluate whether they should support a widow in the church? \_\_\_\_\_ What is the purpose of providing for widows (1 Tim. 5:9-10)? What is their responsibility in the provision from the church?