

# 1 Tim 5 How to Treat Saints

## (5:1-2) The Treatment of Different Age-Groups

**v1 Do not sharply rebuke an older man, but rather appeal to him [plead with] as a father.**



**Rebuke: [Epi-plesso] sharply criticize.**

**“Never use harsh words to correct an older man.” GWT**

**“Not with rough rebukes but gentle exhortations.” BKC**

**“Respecting elders was a standard feature of ancient wisdom & social custom, just as respecting one's parents was; treating elders as if they were one's parents, as peers as brothers or sisters.” IVP**

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**1 Tim 5:1 “Appeal [plead with] the **younger men** as brothers... ie. somewhat more directly, yet kindly as if they were Timothy’s own brothers. BKC**



**(Prov 17:17) “A brother is born for adversity.”**



**1 Tim 5:2 “**Older women** as mothers”  
They were to receive all the **respect** that Timothy would accord his own mother Eunice (2 Tim 1:5).**

**Sense of love, appreciation, devotion & respect.**

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**1 Tim 5:2**  
**“Younger [neos]**  
**as sisters” Be**  
**gentle just as you**  
**would not use**  
**harsh & severe**  
**language for a**  
**beloved sister.**

**1 Tim 5:2 “In all **purity.**”**

**Describes the way in which Timothy ought to deal**  
**with the women, particularly the younger ones,**  
**treat her in honor, just as you would your sister.**



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## Side Point: Principles of Good Communication

1. Don't Yell, Don't Belittle!

### A. Be a Good Listener

Maybe that's all they need!

(Prov 18:13) Don't answer before you hear..

(Prov 18:17) Get the facts (*1<sup>st</sup> to plead his cause..*)



### B. Be a Problem-Solver (Prov 14:33) Wisdom lies in.

### C. Know the Lasting Power of Words

(Prov 18:21) Death & life are in power of tongue.

(Prov 15:4) A soothing tongue is a tree of life, but  
perversion in it crushes the spirit.

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## 2. Select a **Good Time** to Talk



(Eccles 3:1) “**Time** for every purpose..”

(Eccles 3:7) “**Time** to speak and a time to be silent.

(Prov 10:19) “He who **restrains** his words is wise.

## 3. Turn **Down the Volume**, not up!

(Eph 4:31) “Put away all bitterness, wrath, **clamor**

(Acts 19:32) “Some **shouted** one thing and some..”

*When other people get angry their heartbeat rises. They can't process things logically with heart rate of over 120! Plus... Your training your KIDS to yell !*

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## 4. **Don't Exaggerate** stuff-- It backfires!

(Eph 4:25) "Speaking the Truth in Love.."

(Num 13:33) "We became like grasshoppers.."

### Don't Use Absolutes - "Always & Never."

- a) They're generally not true.
- b) If there's one exception.. You look silly.
- c) Try "usually, frequently, generally."

### Don't Exaggerate your parallels.

- They are "dramatic" but easily shot down.



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## 5. **Grant Respect** - In Everything You Say !



(Col 4:6) “Let your speech be always with **grace**..”

(1Pet 3:9) “Not returning insult for insult.. **blessing**”

(1Pet 3:7) “Grant her **honor**..as a fellow heir..”

(Eph 5:33) “See to it she **respect** her husband..”

(Eph 6:1-2) “**Honor** your father and mother..”

*No one wants to be **embarrassed**! Kids nor adults.  
Listen with **your heart** (Ps 56:8) Tears in thy bottle*





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## 6. Express **Thankfulness** for Improvement !

(1Thes 4:10) “**You practice it** (love) toward all the brethren. We urge you to **excel still more..**”



(2 Cor 7:4) “Great is my **Confidence** in you...”

(2 Cor 7:16) “In everything I have **Confidence** in you.

Don't follow **praise** too quickly with ... “**BUT**”

Or it destroys the power of the praise.

**“Tell them they've grown & you appreciate them.”**

Pause. Smile. Breath. Let that sink in. Now say:

**“There's room to grow, but you made great progress.”**



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## 5:3-16 Responsibilities To Needy Widows

v.3 Honor widows who are widows indeed.

a. **Honor** : To prize, value & help.

b. **Indeed** : “Widows with no family at all.”



Widows w/o any family need **continuous support**.

v.4 **Children or grandchildren**... make some return..

v.8 Must take care of our extended family.

v.16 Care for family so church can help totally destitute.

v.5 **Permanent “Care-List”** **11 Requirements**: v5,9,10

v.11-15 **Young widows**: Get married, have kids **Be Godly!**

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## 5:17-20 Honoring Elders

5:17 “Let the *elders who rule well...*

*“With wisdom, ability, and loving faithfulness over the flock.” JFB*



*“Be considered worthy of double honor..*

Primary Honor: Respect, appreciation, admiration, and compliance with his counsel. (Heb 13:17)

Secondary Honor: Recognition by financial assistance as needed. Reward Labor for God's servants. (Deut 25:4 ox; 1Cor 9:6-9 soldiers, farmers; herders)

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## 5:19-20 Protecting Elders

**Protection:** v.19 “Do not receive an accusation against an elder...”  
*ie Do not consider it proven without multiple witnesses.*



*Deut 19:15 “A single witness shall not rise up against a man on account of any iniquity or any sin which he has committed; on the evidence of two or three witnesses a matter shall be confirmed.*

**Correction:** v.20 Those that **continue** in sin, rebuke in presence of **all**. Barnes, UBS, BKC, JFB = **Church**.

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## 5:21-25 Concluding Exhortations

v.21 **“I solemnly charge you** in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus and of *His chosen angels*, to maintain these principles **without bias, doing nothing in a spirit of partiality.**”

**“Bias”** [Pro-krima] w/o previous judgment. Base it on **Facts**. Not by looks, hostility, friendship, or preference.



**“Doing nothing by a spirit of partiality”** [Pros-klisis]

*A decided & unjustified preference for someone.* Louw

**The balance of justice is to be equal in your hands**



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1 Tim 5:22 **Do not lay hands upon anyone too hastily**  
& thus share responsibility for the sins of others..

## Various uses

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| 1. <b>Arrest</b> (Acts 12:1-3)               | <u><b>Don't</b></u> to act too hastily |
| 2. <b>Blessing</b> (Gen 48:14-15)            | in introducing people                  |
| 3. <b>Confer</b> Spiritual Gifts (Acts 8:17) | to be elders or                        |
| 4. <b>Healing</b> the sick (Acts 28:8)       | deacons, or                            |
| 5. <b>Ordination</b> (Acts 6:6)              | preaching                              |
|  | positions.                             |

*If there is a sinner or heretic and you install him  
without proper investigation, **YOU** are an  
accessory to their sins. (Eph 5:11)*

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1 Tim 5:23 No longer drink water exclusively,  
*but use a little wine for the sake of your  
stomach and your frequent ailments.*

*This passage does not authorize “social drinking”*  
(Prov 23:29-35) “Do not look on the wine when it sparkles”

(1 Pet 4:3) “The Time already past is sufficient  
for you to have pursued a course of  
drunkenness, carousals, drinking parties.”



*Wine was diluted with water.* Contrast *undiluted* wine in  
(Rev 14:10). Homer: wine diluted with 20 parts water  
(Odyssey, book 9) Columella : “Amethystos makes good wine  
and is harmless.. it is inactive in its effects on the  
nerves, although not dull in taste.” (Book 3:2)

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***But You Can't Know Everything (v.24-25)***

**v.24** “The **sins of some men** are quite evident, going before them to judgment; for others, their sins follow after.”

Some sins are blatantly apparent. Others conceal their evil. But all will eventually become known.

**v.25** “Likewise also, **deeds that are good are quite evident**, and those which are otherwise cannot be concealed. (Rev 14:13)  
“Rest from labors & deeds follow after them”