

Living Well Together as Family

Although God uses Paul to set out some big picture ways for us to grow in Christ, He also uses Paul to address some very difficult and specific areas of Christian growth. These areas challenge us if we have come to think of the church as a club to which we belong. They challenge us to be a healthy family.

Scripture(s): 1 Timothy 5:1-16

Today's truth - In both physical and spiritual areas the church cares for its own.

I. The first family instruction that reminds us God's plan for how Christians walk together as the church is be the example and reflection of _____ life. The _____-honoring family is the type of family that Paul urges the church to be!

II. The second family instruction that reminds us God's plan for how Christians walk together as the church is become faithful children to those who are truly in _____. In Scripture God challenges His people to stop looking for _____ to ignore the real needs of older and weaker Christians.

Deuteronomy 15:7-10 7 "If there is a poor man with you, one of your brothers, in any of your towns in your land which the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not harden your heart, nor close your hand from your poor brother; 8 but you shall freely open your hand to him, and shall generously lend him sufficient for his need in whatever he lacks. 9 Beware that there is no base thought in your heart, saying, 'The seventh year, the year of remission, is near,' and your eye is hostile toward your poor brother, and you give him nothing; then he may cry to the LORD against you, and it will be a sin in you. 10 You shall generously give to him, and your heart shall not be grieved when you give to him, because for this thing the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in all your undertakings.

Mark 7:9-13 9 He was also saying to them, "You are experts at setting aside the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition. 10 For Moses said, 'HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER'; and, 'HE WHO SPEAKS EVIL OF FATHER OR MOTHER, IS TO BE PUT TO DEATH'; 11 but you say, 'If a man says to his father or his mother, whatever I have that would help you is Corban (that is to say, given to God),' 12 you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or his mother; 13 thus invalidating the word of God by your tradition which you have handed down; and you do many things such as that."

III. The third family instruction that reminds us God's plan for how Christians walk together as the church is hold one another _____ to care for those in our charge. The tough love of the Christian family is simply the calling of one another to _____ what Christ calls us to _____.

What about today? We must work hard toward becoming a real family that cares for one another with _____ and faithfulness.

1. Prepare your heart to give to those who though no immediate fault of their own have _____.
2. Receive as an honor the call to care for your family whether that be your minor _____ or your aging _____.
3. Accept as good the urging of your brothers and sisters to _____ to the call of Christ.

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