*Understanding 1 & 2 Timothy: Sermon 21*

**Loving the Family**

*1 Timothy 5:1-8*

*Related Scriptures: Mark 3:31-35; Mark 7:8-13; James 1:2; Luke 2:37*

Opening Thoughts:

**I. Relate to them as a family (Vs. 1-2)**

 1. Relate to the older men as you would your father with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 2. Relate to the younger men as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_who are fellow brothers in the Lord

 3. Relate with the older women as you would your mother showing them \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 4. Relate with the younger women as your sisters \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**II. Treat them like they are your family (Vs. 3-8)**

 1. Honor the widows indeed by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for them

 A. A widow indeed is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 B. A widow indeed is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 2. Honor the widows in your own family because it is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to God

* **Points to Ponder**
1. Consider how Paul tells Timothy that he is to relate to others in Christ’s church as he would relate to those in his own family. When you speak to others in Christ’s church do you use words which are gentle, respectful, and honoring? How might you improve in relating to others as the Scripture commands?
2. Consider how God’s love for the widows is put on display through the words of Paul given to Timothy. What does your love for the widows and orphans look like? How might you serve the Lord in looking after those who do not have anyone to look after themselves?