

**Widows  
and  
Others In Need**

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## Improper Treatment of Widows

Matthew 23 verse 14 "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayer: therefore, ye shall receive the greater damnation.

Mark 12 verses 38 through 40 states "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, who devour widows houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

"In those days, as the number of the disciples was growing larger and larger, a complaint was made by the Hellenistic Jews against the Hebraic Jews that their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food". Act 6 verse 1.

## Responsibility of their Family

First Timothy 5 verses 3 through 8 states "Honor widows who are truly widows. But if a widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show godliness to their own household [by caring for their own family and to make some return to their parents, for this is pleasing in the sight of God.

She who is truly a widow left all alone, has set her hope on God and continues in supplications and prayers night and day, but she who is self-indulgent is dead even while she lives. Command these things as well, so that they may be without reproach. But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. If any believing woman has relatives who are widows, let her care for them. Let the church not be burdened, so that it may care for those who are truly widows.

Compiler's comment: If any a believing woman who has widowed relatives appears to exclude believing men. However, all Christians, man or woman are expected to take care of them. Perhaps the man should provide resources, so as not to burden the church. The enrolled widows would perform the caring for function, thereby avoiding any impropriety of a male relative "caring for" widows in his family or extended family. End comment.

## Responsibility of Church.

"This is how we have come to know love: the Messiah gave his life for us. We, too, ought to give our lives for our brothers"

# Awon opo ati awon miiran ni iwulo

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Idaraya ti ko see se ti awon opo

Matteu 23 Ese ati awon akowe ati Farisi, agabagebe!

Mark Awon ese 128 nipase 40 Awon ipinle 40 "Sora fun awon akowe, ti o feran lati rin ni ayika ni pipe

Awon aso ati bi awon ikini ninu awon oja itaja ati ni awon ijoko ti o dara julọ ninu awon sinagogu ati awon Awon ibi iyebiye ni titobi, ti o je ile ti o je awon ile ti o je awon adura ti o se awon adura gigun. Won yoo gbaidalejo ti o tobi ju. "

"Ni awon ojo wonyen, gege bi iye awon omọ-ehin ti ndagba tobi ati tobi, edun okan wa

Se nipase awon Juu helnistic lodi si awon Ju Hebrae ti awon opo won ti ni aibikita ninu pinpin ojoojumọ ". Eke 6 Ese 1.

Ojuse idile won

Akoko Timothy 5 Awon ese 3 nipase 8 Awon ipinle "ola awon opo ti o je awon opo. Sugbon ti opo kan ni awon omode tabi awon omọ-omọ, je ki won koko ko eko lati safihan iwa-bi-olorun si ile ara won [

Nife fun ebi ti ara won ati lati se die sii ipadabo si awon obi won, nitori eyi ni inu didun niwaju Olorun.

O ti o je opo ti o fi silẹ nikan, ti seto ireti re, ti seto ireti re lori Olorun ati n tesiwaju ni awon ebe ati ojo, sugbon o ti wa ni titan paapaa nigba ti o wa. Pase awon nkan wonyi daradara, ki won leyipada laini egan. Sugbon ti enikeni ko ba pese fun awon ibatan re, paapaa fun omọ ile ile re, o ti se igbagbo o si buru ju alaigbagbo lo. Ti eyikeyi obi

onigbagbo ba ni ibatan ti o je awon opo, je ki itoju won fun won. Je ki ile ijosin ko dun, ki o le bikita fun awon ti o gajunitooto .

Oro asoye: Ti eyikeyi ti igbagbo igbagbo ti o ni awon ibatan ti o kun latije ki awon

onigbagbo awon eniyan. Sibesibe, gbogbo awon kristeni, a o nireti okunrin lati toju won.

Boya okunrin naa ye ki o pese awon orisun, nitorinaa ko se eru ile-ijosin. Awon opo ti o

forukosile yoo se abojuto fun ise, nitorinaayago fun eyikeyi inira ti ibatan aya re "abojuto"

ninu idile re tabi ebigbooro. Kokore ipari.

Ojuse ti ile ijosin.

"Bayi ni a ti şe lati mọ ifẹ: Messia ti fi ẹmi rẹ fun wa fun wa. Awayan, o yẹ ki o fun awọn ẹmi wa fun awọn arakunrin wa"

"Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to take care of orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world".

First Timothy 5 verse 5 clarifies. "She who is truly a widow left all alone, has set her hope on God and continues in supplications and prayers night and day, but she who is self-indulgent is dead even while she lives".

Compiler's comment: Truly a widow is one that:  
Has No family of any kind.

- a. Has a non-Christian family that will not provide for her care, perhaps because she is a Christian.
  - b. Is a capable widow who makes no attempt to provide for her needs and does not appear to be destitute.
  - c. Christian families of a widow who can but do not take care of her needs are worse than unbelievers.
- End comments.

First Timothy 5 verses 9 and 10 Let a widow be enrolled by taking them into the number, if she is:

- a. not less than sixty years of age,
- b. has been the wife of one husband,
- c. having a reputation for good works,
- d. has brought up children,
- e. has shown hospitality to strangers,
- f. has washed the feet of the saints,
- g. has cared for the afflicted,
- h. has devoted herself to every good work".

The church enrolls a widow to perform function(s) for the needs of the church family.

- a. Functions to be performed are not specified
- b. Places for performing the function are identified
- c. Needs may be met by giving food or money to purchase needs

Widows are enrolled into the number for some type of work.

- a. Their work for the church family was not done in a "church building" as there were none.
- b. The church was still to care for destitute widows not enrolled.

Not less than sixty years of age

- a. During the First Century women who reached the age of 60 would, on average, die between their 60th and 70th birthdays.

- b. The desire for sexual relations generally waned during the last few years of their life.
- c. Destitute widows under 60 were still to be cared for by the church but not enrolled as they were expected to marry and not fulfill the task for which they were enrolled.

"Esin ti o jẹ alaimọ ati alaimọ niwaju Ọlọrun, Baba, ni eyi: lati tọju awọn agbo-rere ati awọn opo ninu iponju wọn, ati lati tọju ara rẹ ni a ko mọ tẹlẹ lati inu aye".

Akọkọ Timothy 5 ẹsẹ 5 salaye. O ti o jẹ opo tootọ ti o fi silẹ nikan, ti ẹto ireti rẹ lori

Ọlọrun ati tẹsiwaju ni awọn ẹbẹ ati awọn adura alẹ ati ọsan, şugbọn o ti wa ni ti ara ẹni ti o ti ku paapaa lakoko ti o ngbe ".

Ọrọ asọye: Lotoo opo kan jẹ ọkan ti:

Ko ni idile ti eyikeyi iru.

- a. Ni idile ti kii ẹ Kristi ti kii yoo pese fun itọju rẹ, boya nitori pe o jẹ a Kristiani.
- b. Jẹ opoo agbara ti ko le gbiyanju lati pese fun awọn aini rẹ ati pe ko han lati di alaini.
- c. Awọn idile Kristiani ti opo kan ti o le şugbọn maşẹ ẹ abojuto awọn aini rẹ jẹ buru ju awọn alaigbagbo. Awọn asọye ipari.

Akọkọ Timothy 5 Awọn ẹsẹ 9 ati 10 jẹ ki opo kan wa ni ifipamọ nipasẹ gbigbe wọn sinu nomba naa, ti o ba ni:

- a. ko kere ju ọdun ọgọta ọdun,
- b. ti jẹ aya ọkọ kan,
- c. Nini orukọ rere fun awọn işe rere,
- d. ti mu awọn omọdewá,
- e. Njẹ o ti ẹ adehun alejo si awọn alejo,
- f. ti wẹ ẹsẹ ti awọn eniyan mimo,
- g. ti nşe itọju awọn oluponju,
- h. ti yasọtọ si ara rẹ si gbogboişe rere ".

Ile-ijọsin forukọsilẹ opo lati ẹ işe (awọn) fun awọn iwulo idile ile ijọsin.

- a. Awọn işe lati ẹ ni a ko şalaye
- b. Awọn aaye fun şişeişẹ naa ni idanimọ
- c. Awọn aini le pade nipasẹ fifun ounjẹ tabi owo lati ra awọn aini

Awọn opo ti wa ni iforukọsilẹ sinu nomba fun diẹ ninu iru işe.

- a. İşe wọn fun idile Ile ijọsin ko ẹ ni "ile ijọsin" bi ko si ẹnikan.
- b. Ile-ijọsin tun yẹ fun awọn opo ti ko yẹ ko forukọsilẹ.

Ko kere ju ọdun ọgọta ti ọjọ ori

- a. Lakoko ọdunrun ọdunrun akọkọ ti o de ọjọ-ori 60 yoo, ni apapọ, ku laarin awọn ọjọ-ibi 60 ati 70th.
- b. Ifẹ fun ibalopo awọn ibatan gbogbogbo ti wa ni gbogbogbo lakoko awọn ọdun diẹ ti igbesi aye wọn.
- c. Awọn opo awọn opo labẹ 60 tun wa lati tojunipase ile ijọsin şugbọn ko forukọsilẹ bi Wọn nireti lati fẹ ki wọn mu işe şişe şe fun eyiti wọn forukọsilẹ wọn.

Compiler's comment: Wife of one husband could be

- a. Only married once
- b. Re-married following a divorce that terminated the marriage caused by sexual immorality (fornication) by her husband
- c. Re-married following a divorce that terminated the marriage by adultery; i.e., breaking marriage covenant other than by fornication.
- d. Re-married if marriage terminated by the death of husband
- e. Married to only one man at a time- not a polygamist

End of comment.

Reputation for good works

- a. Community knows and respects her because she helps others by her good works
- b. Widows not being involved in serving and doing good works while married would not be expected to do so after becoming widowed.

Brought up children

- a. The experience of female parenting
- b. This criterion could be met by parenting orphan children even if no biological child
- c. Caring for children on an occasional basis does not carry the responsibility of child-rearing

Shown hospitality by providing for the immediate needs of to individuals who are not friends or relative

Washed the feet of the saints by making traveling Christians comfortable, a servant role

Cared for the afflicted

- a. Possibly beaten slave, parent of rebellious child of a friend or relative, deserted wife or one persecuted because of faith, an orphan or unwanted child left to defend self.

Devoted herself to every good work.

- a. The widow's actions before becoming a widow clearly show she was God's servant
- b. One should expect her servant activities would continue and that she would not become a busybody, idler, or gossip after her being taken into their number.

"Refuse to enroll younger widows, for when their passions draw them away from Christ, they desire to marry and so incur condemnation for having abandoned the tasks for which they were enrolled. Besides that, they learn to be idlers, going about from house to house, and also gossips and busybodies, saying what they should not. So, I would have younger widows marry,

bear children, manage their households, and give the adversary no occasion for slander. For some have already strayed after Satan. If any believing woman has relatives who are widows, let her care for them. Let the church not be burdened, so that it may care for those who are truly widows, from First Timothy 5 verses 11 through 15.

Ọrọ asọye: iyawo ti ọkọ kan le jẹ a. Nini ni lẹkan

- b. Tun-iyawolẹhinikọsilẹ ti o fopin si igbeyawo ti o fa nipasẹ ibalopo agbere (agbere) nipasẹ ọkọ rẹ
- c. Tun ni iyawoatẹle pe ikọsilẹ ti o fopin si igbeyawonipasẹ agbere; i.e., fifo Elekun years miiran junipa agberelọ.
- d. Tun-şẹ igbeyawo ti igbeyawo ti fopin si iku ọkọ
- e. Ti şẹ igbeyawo fun ọkunrin kan şoşo ni akoko kan - kii şẹ ilobirin pupọ

Opin asọye.

Oga fun awọn işe rere

- a. Agbegbe mọ ati bọwọ fun u nitori o şẹ iranlọwọ fun awọn miiran nipasẹ awọn işe rere rẹ
- b. Awọn opo ko şẹ alabapin ninu sisẹ ati şişe awọn işe rere lakoko ti iyawo ko ni o ti şe ye lati şe bẹ lẹhin ti o di opó.

Mu awọn ọmọde wa

- a. Iriri ti obi obinrin
- b. O le pade agbekalẹ yii ni awọn ọmọde ọmọ alainibaba paapaa ti ko ba si ọmọ ti ẹda
- c. Nife fun awọn ọmọde lori ipilẹ lẹkọkan ko mu ojuse ti ọmọ-atunfọ

Ikolupa ti o han nipasẹ pese fun awọn aini lẹşekẹşẹ ti si awọn ẹni-kọọkan ti kii şe ọrẹ tabi ibatan

Fo ẹşẹ ti awọn eniyan mimọ nipa şişe awọn Kristian rin irin-ajo ni itunu,oji iranşẹ kan ti o dake

- a. O şee şe ẹru lu, obi ti ọmọ ọlọtẹ ti ọrẹ tabi ibatan rẹ, iyawo ti a fi silẹ tabi Eniyan şe inunibini si nitori igbagbo, ọmọ alainibaba tabi ọmọ aifẹ ti o ku lati daabobo ara ẹni.

Yasọtọ funrararẹ si gbogboişe rere.

- a. Awọn işe ti o jẹ ki o di opó ni kedere pe o jẹ iranşẹ Ọlọrun
- b. Ẹnikanyẹ ki o lo awọn işe iranşẹ rẹ yoo tẹsiwaju ati pe ko ni di Iroyin kan, idler, tabi alaifotitọ lẹhin ti o mu ni iye wọn.

"Kọ lati forukọsilẹ fun awọn opo ọdọ ti o forukọsilẹ, nitori nigbati awọn ifẹ wọn fa wọn kuro ni ile, wọn yoo fi agbara fun awọn işe wọn, wọn yoo fun awọn ọmọ wọn mọ.

Nitorinaa, Emi ko ni iforukọsilẹ Diẹ ninu awọn ti şajulẹhin Satani

First Corinthians 7 verses 8 and 9 state To the unmarried and the widows I say that it is good for them to remain single as I am. But if they cannot exercise self-control, they should marry. For it is better to marry than to burn with passion".

Compiler's comment: Unmarried would be those never married, divorced with a certificate of divorcement, and widows.

Better to marry as

- a. The desires for social and sexual relationships hinder widows from performing the task needed by the church.
- b. Excessive time provides the opportunity to develop laziness and become idle, which often results in gossiping and minding everyone's business, a busybody.
- c. Because of strong sexual desires young widows should marry.

End comment

First John 3 verses 17 and 18 warns "Whoever has earthly possessions and notices a brother in need and yet withholds his compassion from him, how can the love of God be present in him? Little children, we must stop expressing love merely by our words and manner of speech; we must love also in action and in truth".

- a. John addresses the Christian family both men and women.
- b. Brother in without any restrictions in need of necessities of life are to be assisted. Brother is often an inclusive term being either male or female.

## **Conclusion.**

It is the responsibility of the widow's family, children, grandchildren, or near relatives to see to her if she is unable to care for themselves. Those without family or those whose families are unable or refuse to provide for their needs are to be taken care of by individual Christians and the church body. Christian destitute widows' needs are to be met before other widows.

Christians are to have compassion for those known to be lacking in the necessities of life as the Gentile Christians sent relief to Hebrew Christians in Jerusalem.

Destitute widows who have by their actions, prior to widowhood, had a reputation of doing good, and living pleasing to God, can be employed by the church. The Bible is silent regarding the purpose for enrolling. But my opinion is they performed functions needed by the Body. It could have been helping those suffering but not destitute, teaching non-Christian women the Gospel, teaching younger women how to treat their husbands and children with love and respect and to encourage them to do good works.

Ni akọkọ Korinti 7 Awọn eṣe 8 ati 9 ipinle si awọn ti ko ṣersririri ati awọn opo Mo sọ pe o dara fun wọn lati wa ni eyọkan bi emi. Ẹgbọn ti wọn ko ba le ṣe iṣakoso ara eni, wọn yẹ ki o fẹ. Fun o dara lati fẹ ju lati sun pelu ifẹ".

Orọ asoye: Awọn ti ko ṣe igbeyawo yoo jẹ awọn ti ko ṣe igbeyawo, ikọsilẹ peluijẹrisi kan ti

Ìmúbọ, ati awọn opó. Dara julọ lati fẹ bi

- a. Awọn ifẹ fun awọn ibatan awujọ ati ibalopo di agbedemeji awọn opo lati ṣiṣeṣe ṣiṣe nilo nipase ile ijọsin.
- b. Akoko pupọ pese aye lati dagbasoke oṣe ki o di idle, eyiti  
Nigbagbogbo awọn abajade ni isoro odi ati di mimọ isowogbogbo eniyan, olukuluku.
- c. Nitori awọn ifẹ ti o lagbara ti o lagbara ti awọn oṣo le fẹ.

Orọiwòye

Ni akọkọ John 3 Awọn eṣe 17 ati 18 E má gbiyanju "Enikeni ti o ba ni ohun-ini ti ile-aye ati awọn akijesira arakunrin ni ilougbo] n ṣe akijesira aanu re lowo re, bawo ni ifẹ Olorun se le wa ninu Re?

Awọn oṣo kekere, a gbodo dawo kede jiyannipa awọn oro wa ati ise oro wa; A gbodo nife tun ni ise ati ni otito".

- a. John se adiresi idile Kristiani ati awọn obinrin.
- b. Arakunrin Ni laisi awọn ihamo eyikeyi ti o nilo aini awọn aini ti igbesi aye ni lati se iranlowo.  
Arakunrin nigbagbogbo ni igba ibaje ki o je okunrin tabi obinrin.

Ipari.

Oje ojuse idile ti opo, awọn oṣo, oṣo-oṣo, tabi sunmo awọn ibatan lati rii si re ti ko ba

lagbara lati toju fun ara won. Awọn ti laisi ebi tabi awọn ti awọn idile re ko lagbara tabi ko lati pese fun awọn aini won ni lati ni abojutonipase awọn Kristian ile-ijosinkokokan ati ara ile ijọsin. Kristieni ko je awọn aini ti awọn alaye Kristieni ni lati pade saaju awọn opo miiran.

Awọn Kristiani ni lati ni aanu fun awọn ti a mo lati ni aini igbesi-aye bi awọn Kristi ti kristeni ran iderun ni Jerusalemu.

Awọn opo ti awọn opo ti o ni nipase awọn ise won, saaju opo won, o ni oruko ise rere, o le ni agbaranipase ile ijọsin. Bibeli dake nipa idi fun iforukosile. Ẹgbọn ero mi ni won se awọn ise ti o nilo nipase ara. O le ti se iranlowo fun ijiya won sugbon kii se alaini ti awọn obinrin ti kii se Kristiani obirin bi o se le se itoju awọn oko won ati owo ati lati gba won niyanju lati se awọn ise rere.