

THE BOOK OF 1 TIMOTHY

**“Instructions On To How We Are
To Treat And Care For Each Other”**
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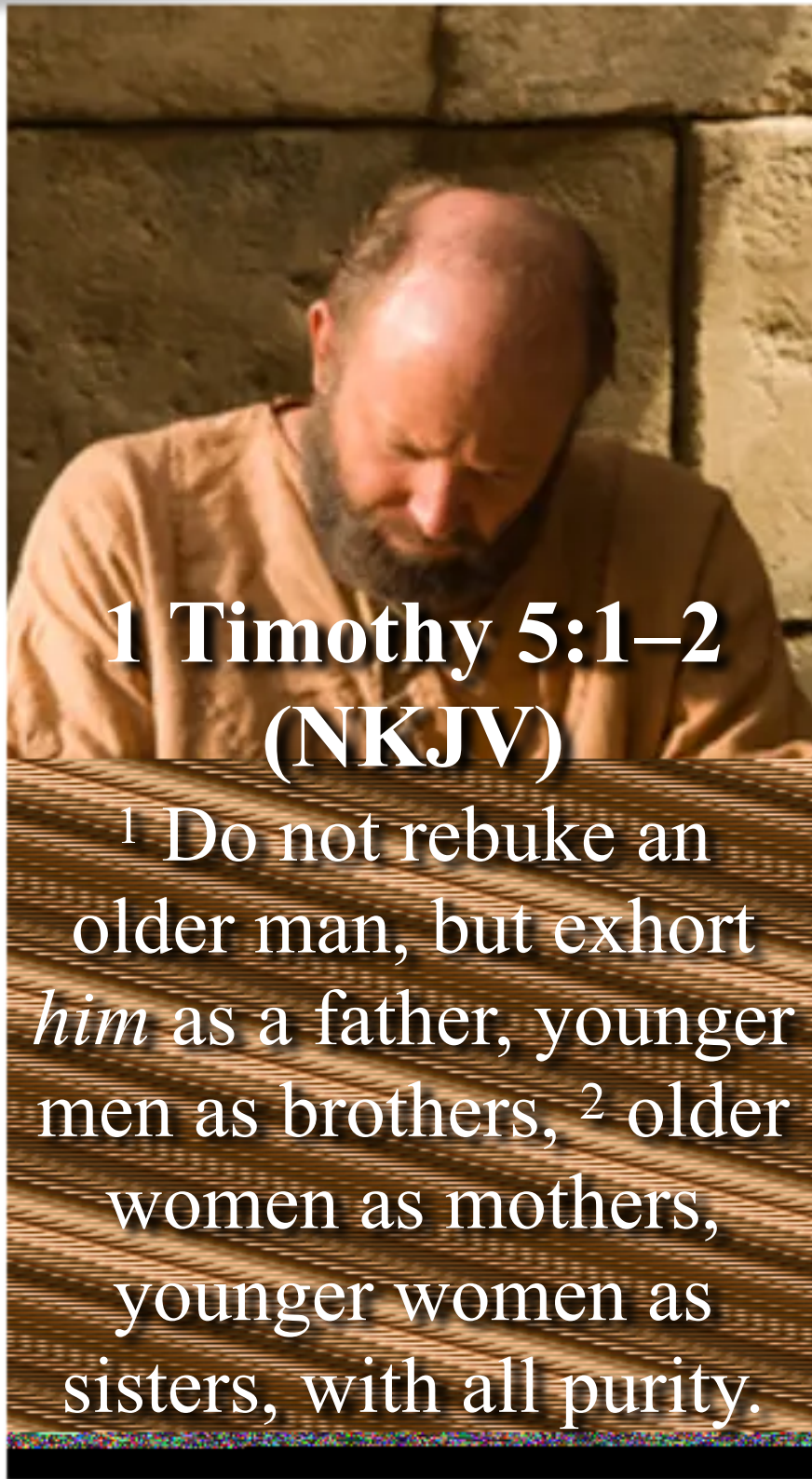
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“Up to this point in this letter, Paul has been giving instructions on matters that touched Timothy’s relationship with the whole congregation. Almost the whole of the remainder of the letter is concerned with specific directions to Timothy to assist him in dealing with various groups and individuals within the congregation” (Reese p. 217).

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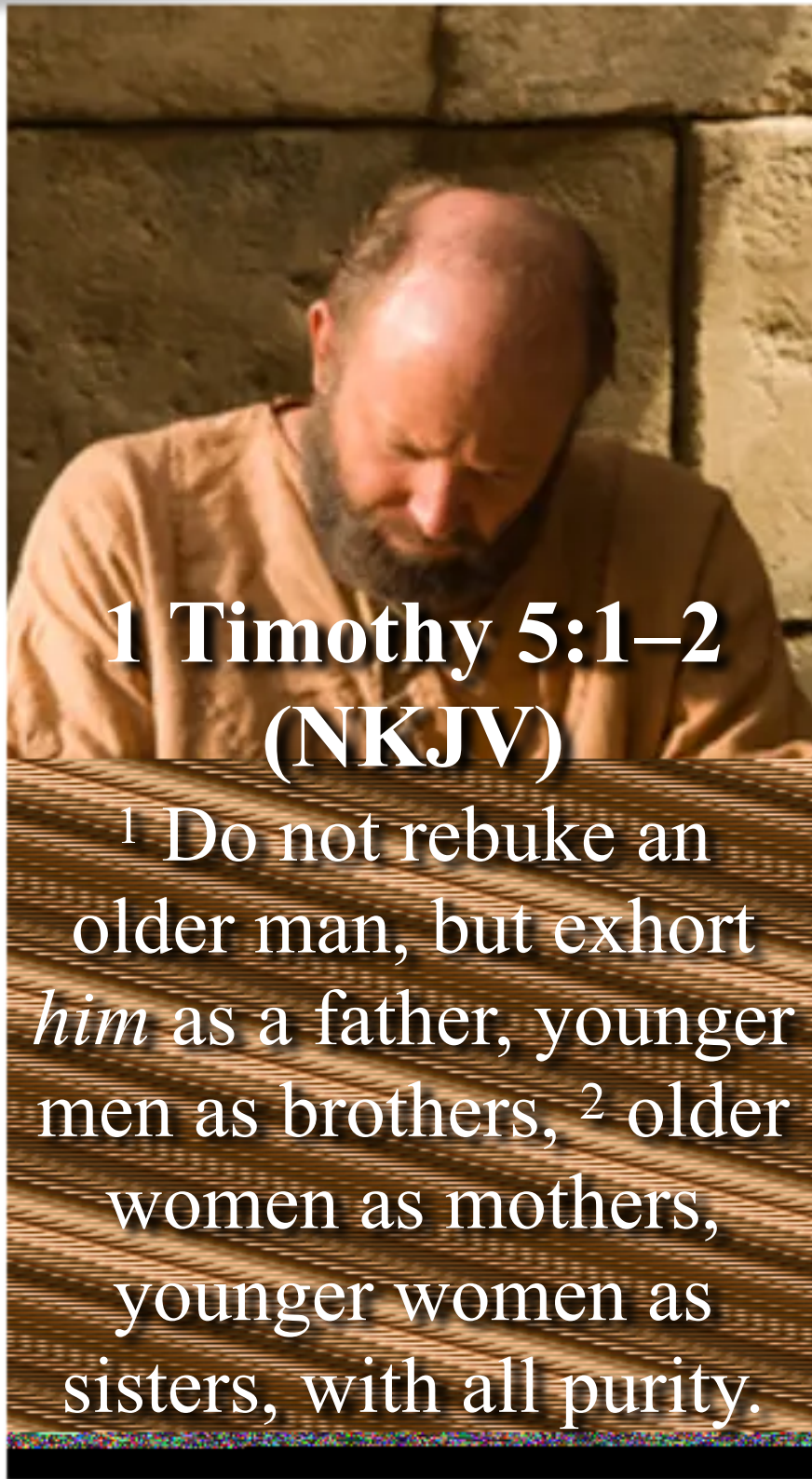
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- **“Do not rebuke an older man”**
 - ▶ In Greek (*epiplesso* ἐπιπλήσσω, 1969) this word rendered “rebuke” literally means to “strike with blows” - here to a sharp castigation with words.
 - ▶ “Elder” (older man NKJV) refers to an elder in respect to age, not one who holds the office of an elder.
 - ▶ Demonstrates the importance of respecting age (Leviticus 19:32; Proverbs 16:31; 20:29; Titus 2:1 ff).

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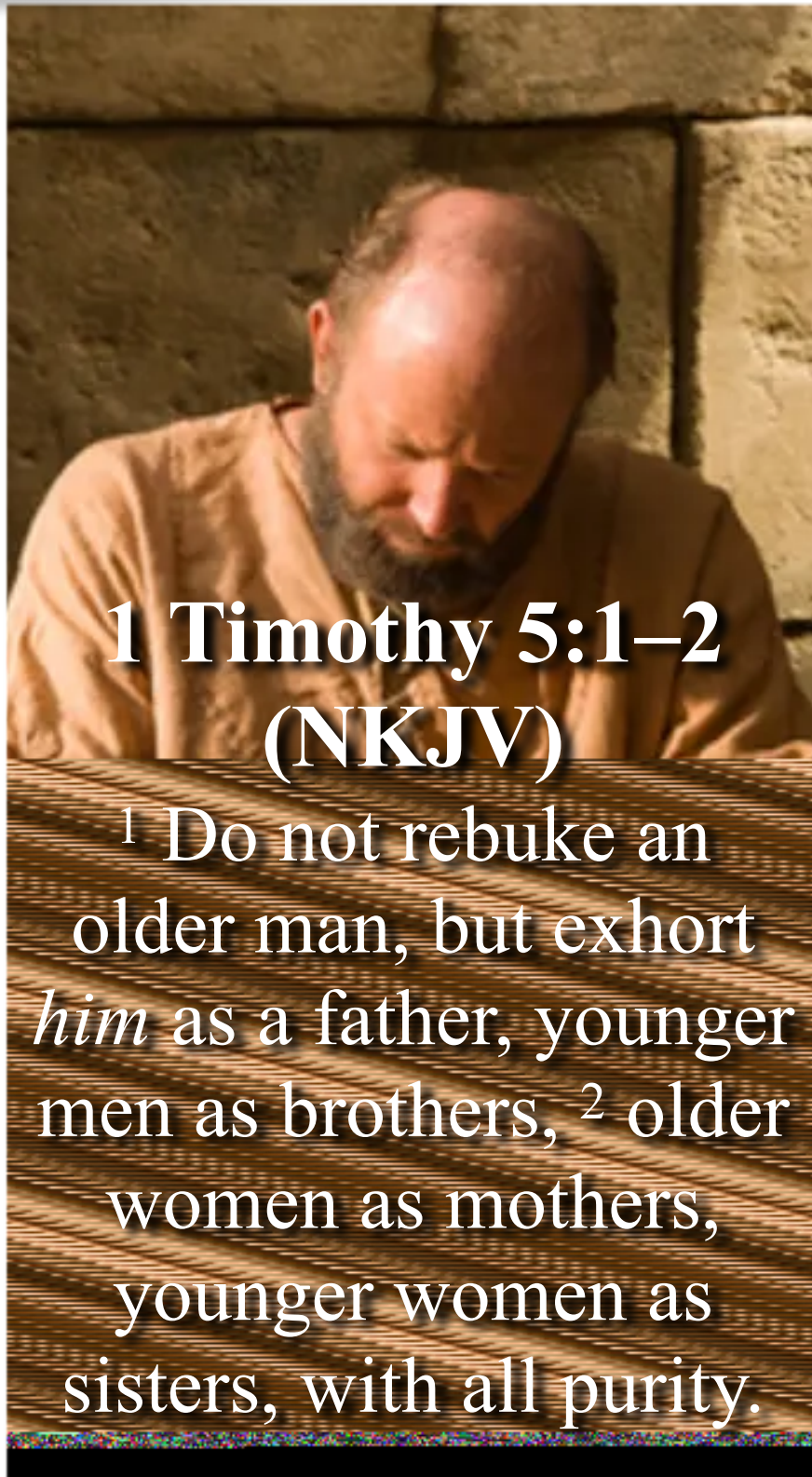


Exhort [*parakaleo* (παρακαλέω, 3870)] : “A calling to one’s side” (Vines) - “to ask for something earnestly and with propriety—‘to ask for (earnestly), to request, to plead for, to appeal to, earnest request, appeal.’” (Lou Nida)



Regardless of the attitude of the older man, Timothy must correct older men in the same way he would appeal to his own father.

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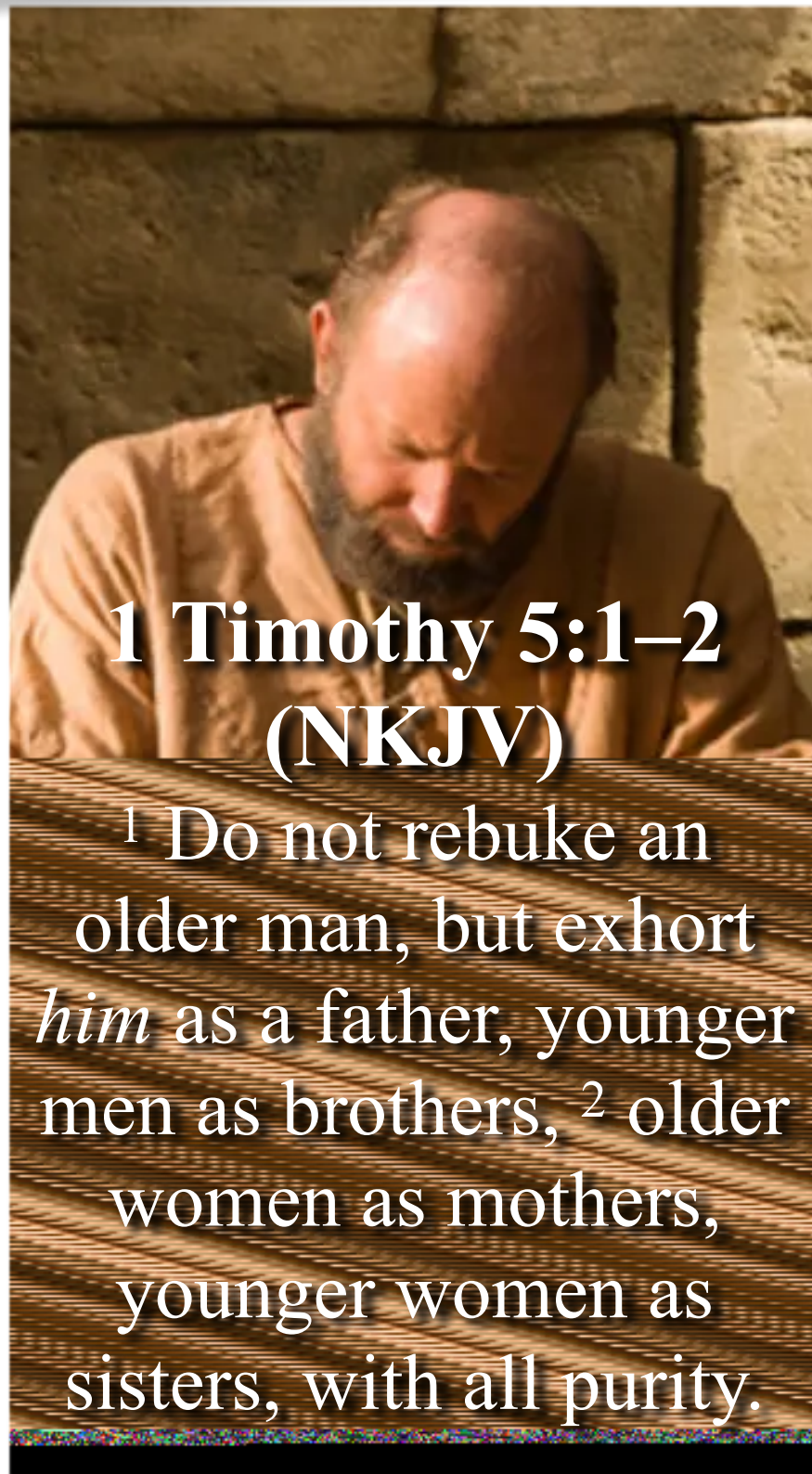
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- “... younger men as brothers”
 - ▶ Timothy “is to avoid all show of self-exaltation over them because of his position” (Hiebert p. 90)
- “... older women as mothers”
 - ▶ Timothy must deal with older women as he would “his own mother were she erring” (Reese p. 218)
- “... younger women as sisters”
 - ▶ With all purity! BE CAREFUL!

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“Younger are to treat”

- ▶ Older men as fathers
- ▶ Older women as mothers
- ▶ Younger men as brothers
- ▶ Younger women as sisters

“It would stand to reason then that the older should treat”

- ▶ Older men as brothers
- ▶ Older women as sisters
- ▶ Younger men as sons
- ▶ Younger women as daughters

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“Honor True Widows”

- **“Honor widows who are really widows.”**
 - ▶ “Honor”: To revere, venerate, and in this context, “honor” includes not only respect, but also financial support (Matthew 15:4).
 - ▶ God had equally stressed care for widows in the Old Testament as well (Ex 22:22; Deut. 10:18; 27:19; 14:28; 24:19-21; 26:12).
 - ▶ Financial support is not to be thought of as charity or a hand out; but a way of honoring these women. (vs. 16)

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- “Honor widows who are really widows.”
 - ▶ The basic thought of the word “widow” is that of loneliness..
 - ▶ **Really**, in reality,— a contrast between a widow who has family and one who is completely alone (5:4,5,16).
 - ▶ Timothy is to see to it that such widows are cared for.
 - ▶ Such is an indication of true religion (James 1:27).

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- **“But if any widow has children or grandchildren ...”**
 - ▶ “The KJV has the word ‘nephews’ which at that time meant grandchildren, but that meaning has now become obsolete.
 - ▶ The Greek word means ‘sprung from one’, i.e., offspring or descendants” — Children or grandchildren, male or female, singular or plural.

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- **“let them first learn to show piety at home and to repay their parents”**
 - ▶ The children owe their parents a debt which they can never repay
- **“for this is good and acceptable before God ...”**
 - ▶ Being disrespectful of our parents is not pleasing to God (Mk 7:9-12; Jn 19:26-27; Ro. 1:30; 2 Tim. 3:2).
 - ▶ The vice of abandoning old and infirm parents was and is FAR TOO common.

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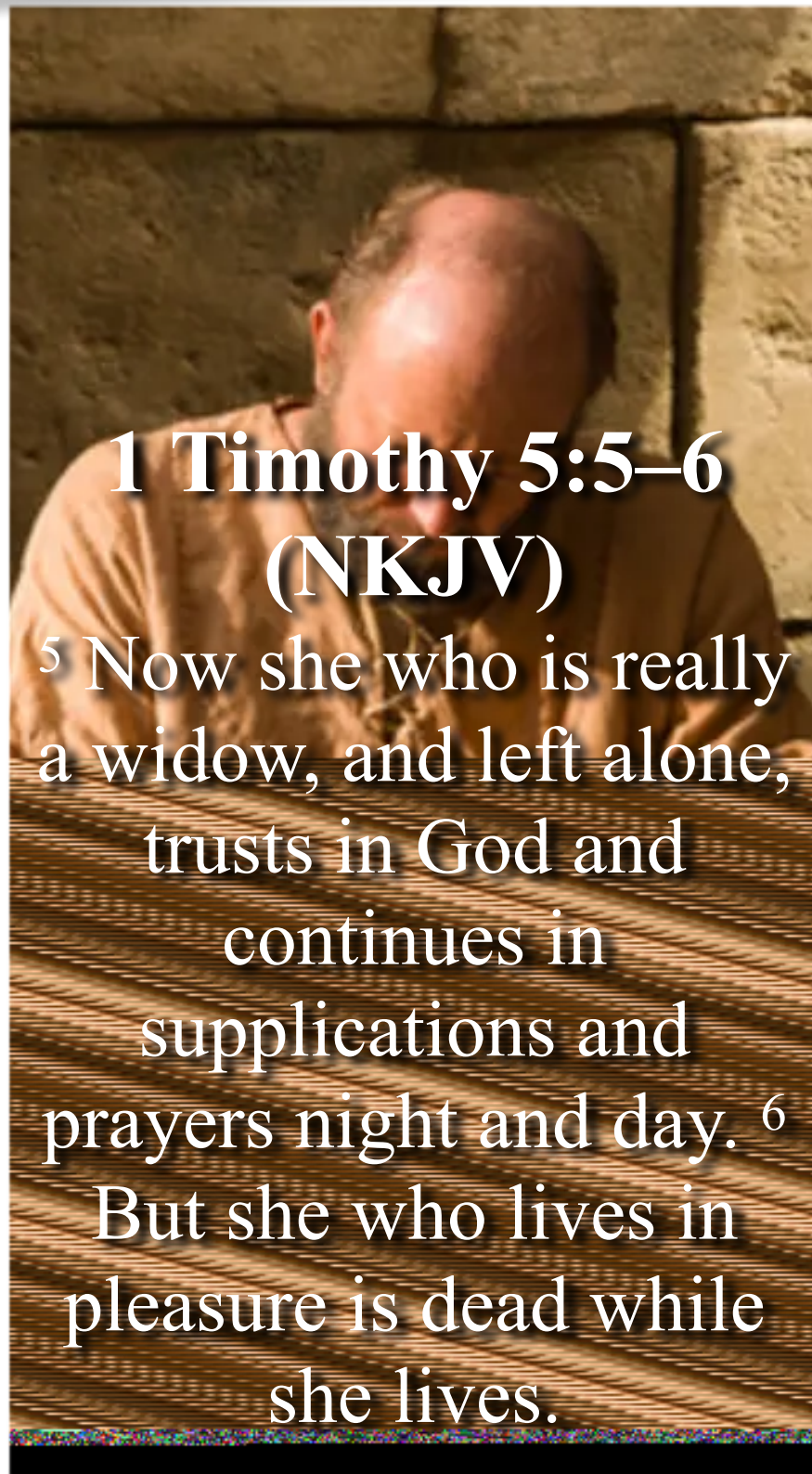
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- **“Now she who is really a widow, and left alone”**
 - ▶ In contrast to the widow who has family, who is completely alone.
- **“trusts in God & continues in supplications & prayers night & day”**
 - ▶ She continues to keep her hope on God (present active indicative).
 - ▶ Dependence upon God is part of her daily life.
 - ▶ She continues to “cast all her care on the Lord” (Reese p. 223).

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■ “But she who lives in pleasure is dead while she lives”

- ▶ The root meaning of the phrase “**lives in pleasure**” means “riotous and luxurious living”. This widow does not live for God; rather she lives for herself and pleasure.
- ▶ She is spiritually dead though she is physically alive.
- ▶ The New Testament often talks about people being “dead” in sin (Eph 2:1,5; Col. 2:13; Luke 15:24).

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- “And these things command, that they may be blameless”
 - ▶ Command, charge, and order that Christians practice these truths. These are not optional matters or opinion - preach with authority.
 - ▶ “**They**” refers to the Christians in Ephesus. If these Christians fail to take care of their own (5:8) or support this type of widow (5:11-13), they will lose their influence in the community, and favor with God.

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- “But if anyone does not provide for his own ...”
 - ▶ “It is a Christian duty thus to foresee and to provide for one’s dependents” (Hiebert p. 94).
 - ▶ This could also include Christian relatives in need, such as aunts, uncles, brothers and sisters ...
 - ▶ “**especially for those of his household**” : “all the members of a household, member of one’s family” (Arndt p. 556).

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- **“he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.”**
- ▶ To reject a teaching of Christ as taught by the apostles, is in actuality a denial of the faith as a whole (Eph 6:2; Mk 7:9-12).
- ▶ “When pagan moralists and infidels in contemporary society acknowledged their obligation to their parents, it is unthinkable that Christian morality should lag behind general pagan standards”

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- **We are to show respect for one another,**
 - ▶ We are to see one another as “FAMILY” — Love and respect must be demonstrated in correction.
 - ▶ The younger are to show respect for their elders, as they would their own parents, and should view those of their own age as they would their brothers and sisters.

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- In the New Testament church, the care of widows was an important concern...
- ▶ The church at Jerusalem (Ac 6:1-7)
- ▶ Caring for widows - "pure and undefiled religion" - Jm 1:27
- ▶ Yet it was not a responsibility simply to be thrust upon the church — The local church has its limitations — Family members have their obligations — Even widows themselves bear some responsibility.

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HONOR AND SUPPORT
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Hebrews 12:22–29 (NKJV)

²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, ²³ to the general assembly and church of the firstborn *who are* registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, ²⁴ to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than *that of* Abel. ²⁵ See that you do not refuse Him who speaks.