

## 1 Timothy 5 — The Good Deed of Bringing Up Children

*...and is well known for her good deeds, such as **bringing up children**, showing hospitality, washing the feet of the Lord's people, helping those in trouble and devoting herself to all kinds of good deeds. (1 Timothy 5:10)*

### Widows Who Qualified For "The List"

- They took a pledge to serve Christ and the Church alone rather than being married.
- They were respected as the elders were respected.
- They were overseers over the rest of the women, and
- They had charge of the other widows and orphans supported by the church.

### Ministry by Women to Children

*If you are in the child-rearing stage...*

- Get truth in their minds. Right thinking leads to right behavior.
- Be diligent. Takes effort. And planning. A strategy.
- Tell children why you live for Jesus.
- Make it a habit and priority of reading God's Word or stories that lead to right thinking about God.
- Add verse memorization as part of their daily homework regime.
- Read to them God-honoring books from their earliest years.

*If you are out of the child-rearing stage, or have no children...*

- Give good resources as gifts to children and their parents.
- Teach children in the many areas available here at Crossroads and make it your personal responsibility to influence them for the Lord.
- Keep good materials on hand in your house so that any child who is under your roof for any reason may be influenced for Christ by your reading to them.