

## RESPECTING OTHERS IN OUR CHURCH – 1 TIMOTHY 5:1-2

The local church is made up of a variety of \_\_\_\_\_, both young and old. Some are very mature needing little attention, others have more needs requiring extra care. Some are shy while others are outgoing, some are faithful and others are not, some willingly participate yet others probably never will. Some are naturally loving and openly kind, others are gruff with rough exteriors. Some have an abundance of financial resources and skills, while others are limited in both. The list goes on and on. Through all these diversities we must always exercise being unified, if not we will fail in our mission for God. The one thing we \_\_\_\_\_ have in common is that everyone has great \_\_\_\_\_ and is important. Today's text addresses the general population of the church revealing a simple mindset to keep us pressing forward together in \_\_\_\_\_.

### 1. How to treat people – 1 Timothy 5:1-2

#### a. A simple strategy for those who are seniors

- Older men – verse 1a

Treat them with courtesy and respect as if they were your \_\_\_\_\_

- Older women – verse 2a

Treat them with courtesy and respect as if they were your \_\_\_\_\_

#### b. A simple strategy for those younger (or our peers)

- Younger men – verse 1b

Treat them with courtesy and respect as if they were your \_\_\_\_\_

- Younger women – verse 2b

Treat them with courtesy, respect, and all purity as if they were your \_\_\_\_\_

2. The two greatest commandments – Mt. 22:36-40; Mk. 12:28-34; Lk. 10:25-37

a. Number 1 greatest commandment

- Thou shalt \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord thy God with all they heart, and with all thy soul, and with all they mind – verse 37

All your heart – a love that is complete, extreme, deeply felt and believed

All your soul – your very identity and actions signify your love

All your mind – your thoughts, plans, decisions, and logic prove your love

All your strength – your fervor in duty, labor and service demonstrates your love

b. Number 2 greatest commandment

- Thou shalt \_\_\_\_\_ thy neighbor as thyself – verse 39

As you love yourself...

- This type of love is best described as \_\_\_\_\_ – 1 Cor. 13; Lk. 10:25-37

- The greatest love we can show to others – Jo. 13:34-35; 15:7-17

Love them without setting any conditions for them to meet

Tell them about the love and saving power of Jesus Christ

Help them grow and mature to be a man or woman that pleases God

Encourage and admonish them to have faith in the words of God

Always seek to be a godly example to follow