

To Those Who Are Really In Need

**1 Timothy 5:3-16**

Among his instructions to the young pastor Timothy, the apostle Paul talks about caring for those in need. This theme is not new, but runs all through the Bible:

Deut. 24:19-22

Proverbs 21:13

Isaiah 61:1

James 1:27, 2:15-17

Jesus said he came to fulfill Is. 61:1, and quoted that prophecy in Luke 4:18

Does that square with his statement in Mark 14:4-7?

What was the first major issue dealt with in the early church, Acts 6?

Read 2 Thess. 3:6-15 and evaluate Paul's posture:

Principles:

1) Prioritize the kingdom Acts 6:2-7

Some people need \_\_\_\_\_

Every person needs \_\_\_\_\_

2) Have criteria to determine need 1 Tim. 5

Material condition is \_\_\_\_\_

Spiritual condition is \_\_\_\_\_

How am I doing with compassion and sensitivity to the needy?

How can we as a local church do better in this area?