

Westwood Baptist Church *Grounded. Growing. Going.*



Worship Guide for June 16, 2024

Sermon Notes

Honor, Respect, and Purity Within the Family of God

1 Timothy 5:1–6:2 (pew Bible pgs. 992-993)

Westwood Baptist Church is not a corporation. We are not a company. What we are within the church is a family. We are the household of God (1 Tim 3:15). With God as our Father, we are a family of adopted children, brought into a love relationship with God and our spiritual siblings by his grace through Jesus Christ our Lord. *“In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons [and daughters] through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will”* (Eph 1:5).

Therefore, we are to act like a family, we are to function like a family, and we are to treat one another as family. Earlier in 1 Timothy, Paul said, *I am writing these things to you so that...you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth* (1 Tim 3:15). In today’s passage, we have specific instructions about how we are to behave, how we are to lift up and support the gospel, and what we see applies to everyone in the church family regardless of our age, our season of life, our position in the church, or our employment status.

Relate to all members of the church family appropriately, differently, but always with honor and respect. (5:1-2)

Care for and honor all members of the church family, especially the widows in need. (5:3-16)

Honor and support everyone in the church family, especially the elders who rule well and work hard. (5:17-25)

Honor and respect all members of the church family for God’s glory and the gospel’s advance. (6:1-2)

Applications for our lives today

Life Group Preparation Guide

"Let the *Word* of Christ *dwell* in you(all) *richly*
teaching and *admonishing* one another in all *wisdom*..."

- *Colossians 3:16a*

Focus #1: GOD

1. What does this passage reveal about the character or nature of God?
2. What does this passage reveal about God's eternal plans and purposes?
3. What does this passage reveal about how God interacts with his creation?

Focus #2: ME

4. How does this passage reveal sin in my own mind, heart, or life?
5. In what ways does this passage help us to see how we need to be aligned with God's will?
6. What is one tangible and measurable way that the Spirit is leading me to respond to his Word?

Focus #3: OTHERS

7. What is one truth that I can share meaningfully with someone, and with whom?
8. How can I specifically encourage someone or everyone in my Life Group from this passage?

Three contributions (reflections, questions, observations, etc.) I plan to include in our next Life Group discussion:

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- 2.
- 3.

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JUNE

15-22 Yvonne on Vacation :)
16 Family Dedication
19 Member's Meeting
23 Cake Auction for Hungary
**30 Farewell Celebration for
Gerald & Susan***