

a. **Old Testament**

1. The Sixth Commandment

Exodus 20:12 – “Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.”

- a. the first four commandments deal with our relationship to God
- b. the second six commandments deal with our relationship to our fellowman
 1. the sixth commandment of honoring your parents
 2. is first in the list of the second list of commandments

2. **Exodus 22:22-24** – “Do not take advantage of a widow or an orphan. If you do and they cry out to me, I will certainly hear their cry. My anger will be aroused, and I will kill you with the sword; your wives will become widows and your children fatherless.”

3. **Deuteronomy 27:19** – “Cursed is the man who withholds justice from the alien, the fatherless or the widow.” Then all the people shall say, “Amen!”

4. **Isaiah 1:17** – “Learn to do right! Seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow.”

b. **New Testament**

1. **Luke 7:11-15** – tells of Jesus bringing back from the dead the only son of a widow

2. **Luke 21:1-4** – Jesus praises a widow for her giving to the Lord out of her poverty (she gave what is called a “widow’s mite”)

3. Jesus took care of His own mother while he was dying on the Cross

John 19:26-27 – “When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, “Woman, here is your son,” and to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.”

4. today’s text – more teachings from Scripture on taking care of widows

4. What point is Paul making as we look at his illustrations about dealing with various people in the church

a. **THE CHURCH IS A FAMILY!**

1. treat older men as fathers
2. treat younger men as brothers
3. treat older women as mothers
4. treat young women as sisters
5. deal lovingly with widows