

## The Critical Role of the Christian Mother (Part 3)

Mother's Day Message 2016

Motherhood in the Modern Era

The Background of the Passage

- The Book of 1 Timothy
- The Issue of Widows

The Church's Obligation to the Older Widows Indeed (5:9-10)

- I. Their Official Status (5:9a)
- II. The Requirement of Her Status (5:9b-10)
  - A. As to Age (5:9b)
  - B. As to Fidelity (5:9c)
  - C. As to Her Work (5:10)
    1. In General (5:10a, f)
      - reputation to witness, to give evidence
      - devoted to follow, come after
      - good good in nature
    2. Towards Her Children (5:10b)
      - a. Their Prioritization
      - b. Their Upbringing