

**A
CONFLICTING
CONTENTION**
– V15 - For
some have
already
wandered
away to follow
Satan.



**A CHOICE OF
CO-OPERATION**
– V16 -If a
believing
woman has
widows in her
family, let her
help them. The
church should
not be
burdened, so
that it may help
the widows who
are truly in
need.



**A CRITERIA OF
CONDUCT FOR
WIDOWS**

1 TIMOTHY 5:9-16



A CONDITIONAL CLAUSE – V9 - No widow should be put on the list unless she is at least sixty years old, was the wife of one husband,

— A CREDIBLE CHARACTER – V10

- and has a reputation for good works: as one who has raised children, practiced hospitality, washed the feet of the saints, helped those in distress—as one who has exhibited all kinds of good works.



A CAUSE FOR CONCERN – V11 - But do not accept younger widows on the list, because their passions may lead them away from Christ and they will desire to marry,

A CAUSE FOR CONCERN – V12¹² and so incur judgment for breaking their former pledge.



A CAUSE FOR CONCERN – V13 - And besides that, going around from house to house they learn to be lazy, and they are not only lazy, but also gossips and busybodies, talking about things they should not.



A COMMAND TO CONSIDER – V14 - So I want younger women to marry, raise children, and manage a household, in order to give the adversary no opportunity to vilify us.