

Correcting One Another in the Church

1 Timothy 5:1–2 || March 10–16th, 2024

ANNOUNCEMENTS (information on the loop):

- Campus Beautification: March 16, 8am–noon
- Men's Breakfast: March 23, 8–9:30am
- Young Adults Ultimate League: Wednesday nights, March 27–June 12
- Easter 2024: Save the Date.
 - Good Friday—March 29, 7pm
 - Easter Services—Saturday, March 30, 5:30pm, or Sunday, March 31, 9 & 11am
 - **NEW!** Easter Flapjack Feast with Friends (for preschool and elementary kids and their friends)—Sunday March 31, 9 & 11am
- Men's Conference: April 19 & 20. Registration is open.
- SAVE THE DATE: August 23–24: Parenting conference w/Brent and Janet Aucoin.

OUTREACH/SERVE (Information on the loop):

- March of Diapers, through March 24.
- Fusion Applications, early bird through April 24.
- Current Ministry needs, sign up on the Loop.

ICEBREAKER: Share one valuable lesson or piece of wisdom you have learned from an older member of the church. And/or share how younger members may have inspired or encouraged you.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Paul begins by saying, “*Do not rebuke an older man but encourage him*” (ESV). He then goes on to explain how to encourage and view other relationships in the church. Why is encouragement so important in our day?

2. How might the cultural context of the first-century Ephesian church inform our understanding of the command to treat older men as fathers and younger men as brothers in 1 Timothy 5:1–2, and how can we apply this today?
3. How do the commands in these 2 verses reflect the familial and hierarchical nature of the church and its significance in nurturing doctrinal unity?
4. List each role and describe what it means to treat each one according to that command. What does it mean to “*treat the elder women as mothers,*” etc.?
5. Compare and contrast Titus 2:1–6 with 1 Timothy 5:1–2. What are the similarities or differences in these lists? Why do you think that Paul mentions these lists in two places in the NT?
6. How are we doing in treating our own mothers, fathers, brothers, and sisters the way this passage exhorts?
7. What role(s) does the instruction in 1 Timothy 5:1–2 play in promoting intergenerational discipleship and mentoring relationships within the church?

Prayer: Let us pray for hearts of gratitude towards our families and elder church members, seeking their wisdom with humility, honoring them with sincere respect, and finding ways to encourage both older and younger members in their faith journey.

Personal Practical Application: Who is someone that you have rebuked wrongly/harshly that you need to make amends with? Send a note of encouragement to them or someone in the church today or tomorrow.