

## Sermon Discussion Questions

### 1 Timothy 5:5-14

#### The Excellent Widow

1. How do you know if a woman is on her way to becoming an excellent widow?
2. How does this world devalue women who commit their lives to their domestic calling (loving their husbands, bring up their children, and using their household for ministry)?
3. Does a woman's domestic calling necessarily prohibit working outside the home? Why or why not? Hint: Consider the difference between a positive command and a prohibition.
4. One thinker noted, "An idle mind is the devil's workshop." Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?
5. Why is gossip such a temptation for both women and men?