

Three things Timothy is encouraged to relationally manage well

- 1. The difficulties, challenges and wrong behaviour that has been taking place
- 2. The churches response toward genuine widows
- 3. The churches leadership

This is what good church looks like, Timothy

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- Honour well
- Protect well
- Rebuke well
- Select well

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