

## 1 Timothy 5:3-16 — Women in Need, Covered by the Church

Three examples of how God provides for women who have financial needs plus lessons for those who are needy. The principles apply to anyone in need, not just widows.

Widow #1 — Ruth 2

Widow #2 — 1 Kings 17:8-16

Widow #3 — 2 Kings 4:1-7

Application for the lesson:

*For the giver—*

- Give good stuff, usable stuff, the best you have to give. Make it easy for her to get it and use it.
- Be a helper and a friend for the long-term. Most emergency situations last longer than a day.
- Enable her to improve her condition. Help her evaluate her resources and pray for God to multiply them to provide for her.

*For the receiver—*

- Put your hope in God, not prosperity.
- Rejoice with God and with the giver for His provision.
- Don't be afraid to share out of your meager supplies. Do it in faith that God will help those supplies stretch.