

**Discussion Questions - God's Design for the Young at Heart**  
**1 Timothy 5:1-16**  
**EFree Church, Diamond Bar**  
**May 24, 2015**

**Outline from Sunday's Sermon:**

1. Older adults are to be respected.
2. Older adults are to be treasured.
3. Older adults are to be affirmed in their gifts.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. In your family, growing up as a child, in what ways were you taught to respect older persons? Please share specific examples.
2. Read 1 Timothy 5:1-2. The Greek word for "rebuke" used in this verse is the only time it is used in the entire New Testament. It means to "strike at with your words." What is the better way to handle a conflict involving an older person?
3. Read Proverbs 16:31 and 1 Timothy 5:3. The church is called to honor widows. To "honor" in this context means to give material assistance as needed. It is not simply a verbal recognition of widows. What practical ways can the church "honor" widows according to this context?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 12:4-7. God has blessed our church with a thriving "older adults" ministry. We see them serving in a variety of ministries, including greeters, ushers, care & concern, and many other ministries. How can you encourage our older adults who are faithfully serving? How can you encourage those who may not currently be serving to do so?
5. Close your time by sharing about an older adult who has impacted or encouraged you.