

An aerial photograph of a city skyline, likely Chicago, with a blue color overlay. The image is dominated by numerous skyscrapers and buildings. A white horizontal line runs across the middle of the image, framing the main text. The text is in a large, white, sans-serif font.

ADVANCING FROM WITHIN

CHICAGO TABERNACLE

Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but exhort him as if he were your father. Treat younger men as brothers older women as mothers, and younger women as sisters, with absolute purity.

1 Timothy 5:1-2

Respect God's family.

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Respect the Fathers

Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but exhort him as if he were your father.

1 Timothy 5:1

Respect the Fathers

When respect is shown, older men willingly impart wisdom and instruction.

Respect the Fathers

“I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one.”

1 John 2:13

Respect the Fathers

Potential negative result:

Personal: Silence, disregard, and shutdown

Church body: Destabilizes the church because wisdom and experience is not present to guide

Affirm the Brothers

"Treat younger men as brothers..."

1 Timothy 5:1

Affirm the Brothers

When respect is shown, they exert courage, strength, and work.

Affirm the Brothers

“It is good for a man to bear the yoke while he is young.”

Lamentations 3:27

Affirm the Brothers

“But you, Timothy, are a man of God....”

1 Timothy 6:11 (NLT)

Affirm the Brothers

Potential negative result:

Personal: Timidity, fear, inactivity, and resentment

Church body: Weakness and lack of productivity

Honor the Mothers

Treat younger men as brothers, **older women as mothers**, and younger women as sisters, with absolute purity.

1 Timothy 5:1-2

Honor the Mothers

When respect is shown, they give nurture, care, and counsel.

Honor the Mothers

“Listen, my son, to your father’s instruction and do not forsake your mother’s teaching. They are a garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck.”

Proverbs 1:8-9

Honor the Mothers

“Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: “Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all.” Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.”

Proverbs 31:28-31

Honor the Mothers

Potential negative result:

Personal: Brokenhearted and feelings of uselessness or bitterness

Church body: Younger women have no guidance and the church lacks grace

Protect the Sisters

“...and younger women as sisters, with absolute purity.”

1 Timothy 5:2

Protect the Sisters

When respect is shown young women are enabled to influence, serve, and build the next generation.

Protect the Sisters

“The wise woman builds her house, but with her own hands the foolish one tears hers down.”

Proverbs: 14:1

Protect the Sisters

Potential negative result:

Personal: Fear, insecurity and distrust

Church body: The purity of the church is tainted and the raising of the next generation is weakened