

**GODLINESS IN ACTION**  
**1 Timothy: Doing Church God's Way, Part 7**  
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*How To Have A Lasting & Eternal Impact On Others – 1 Timothy 4:7-16*

1. Realize godliness doesn't just happen
2. Godliness lasts
3. Godliness will cost you something
4. Godliness starts with daily decisions – it's not a one-time decision

*What Godliness Looks Like In Everyday Life – 1 Timothy 5:1-16*

The heart of a church is seen in what it does in meeting needs

1. **Godliness should be evident in the way we handle** spiritual needs  
1 Timothy 5:1 (NIV) "Do not rebuke an older man harshly,..."

Correction must be done in love

Ephesians 4:15 (NIV) "Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into Him who is the Head, that is, Christ."

James 5:19-20

Galatians 6:1-2

We need to ask, "How can I help you in the area you are struggling with?"

2. **Godliness should be evident in the way we treat each other as** family  
1 Timothy 5:1-2 (NIV) "... 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."

Problem: Some have poor examples of family in their lives

Treat those who are older with respect & honor

Treat those younger as brothers (I've got your back) and sisters (like a princess)

"...with absolute purity." – value women for the Right reasons  
Matthew 5:27-29

Women are stimulated by touch; men by sight. Sisters, help a brother out!  
Proverbs 7:10 (NIV) "Then out came a woman to meet him, dressed...with crafty intent."  
Luke 17:1-3

Challenge for women – to dress fashionably & yet be morally pure

3. Godliness should be evident in the way we meet physical needs

There must be and there is a structure to meet physical needs at New Hope

- At New Hope we are convinced that good deeds and good news can't and shouldn't be separated
- We believe the ministry of New Hope is vital to the health & well-being of Chula Vista
- We believe that ministering & serving are the normal expressions of Christian living
- Meeting people's physical needs is effective in seeing enter into a relationship with Christ

Deuteronomy 10:18,19  
James 1:27

In meeting needs we must not enable people in an unhealthy lifestyle

4. Godliness should be evident in the priority we give our own families  
1 Timothy 5:4,8,16

If a family member continues to make foolish and bad choices, we are not to be doormats and enable irresponsible behavior

Each family must decide where the line is drawn; but there are times when tough choices and tough love must be practiced  
John 19:26,27

This passage is about our responsibility as a church and as believers

Prayerfully you have gotten something out of this passage, now do something with it

**My Next Step Today Is:**

\_\_\_ I am asking God to help me treat my Christian brothers and sisters as family

\_\_\_ I am asking God for wisdom in how to meet certain needs without enabling the person

\_\_\_ There are physical needs in my sphere of influence I believe God wants me to meet

\_\_\_ There are needs in my own family I am asking God to help me meet