

Mutual Respect

Wisdom for a Young Head Coach

Week 10

I Timothy 5:1-16

Read the text aloud.

Discussion Questions:

- When have you seen a senior staff member harshly corrected or otherwise treated with less respect than is due him/her? (v.1) *Who has seen a young coach rudely correct a senior staff member? Tell us the story. Why would Paul warn against this? It tears down team unity, breeds disrespect and gossip, etc?*
- What is a more honorable way to treat those on your staff who have greater experience? (v.1) *Appeal to him as a father, with respect and honor.*
- How should we relate to the younger coaches on our staff? (v.1) *Like brothers.* Share an example of how that has been done with or by you. *How has another coach shown you proper respect and welcomed your input or opinion?*
- What attitudes should guide our relationships with women associated with our program? (v.2) *Treat the older women as mothers. The younger like sisters.* How do these apply with women otherwise? In our families, churches, the community, etc??
- What qualities describe the way we relate to our mothers? (v.2) *Respect and honor...* How about our sisters? *Respect and purity?*
- If a suddenly displaced athlete or coach were like a widow, what kinds of things can happen that would isolate them from the normal life of the team? (vv.9-16) *Injury, suspension, disciplinary benching, illness?* Are there circumstances that require handling each situation differently? How so? *You wouldn't handle the 5th year senior leader who becomes injured in the same way as a freshman who repeatedly breaks team rules.*

Weekly Summary:

- Beware of disrespecting an older coach on your staff.
- Give proper respect to the young coaches on your staff as well.
- Lead your staff to conduct themselves wisely with the women around your program.
- Use wisdom in dealing with those who are suddenly displaced or isolated from the program.

Notes:

- The questions for discussion will appear in normal text like this.
- *Suggested answers, discussion hints and follow up questions will appear in italics like this.*

Bible Reference:

1 Timothy 5



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