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### 1 Timothy 5:1-10

<sup>1</sup>Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but exhort him as if he were your father. Treat younger men as brothers, <sup>2</sup>older women as mothers, and younger women as sisters, with absolute purity. <sup>3</sup>Give proper recognition to those widows who are really in need. <sup>4</sup>But if a widow has children or grandchildren, these should learn first of all to put their religion into practice by caring for their own family and so repaying their parents and grandparents, for this is pleasing to God. <sup>5</sup>The widow who is really in need and left all alone puts her hope in God and continues night and day to pray and to ask God for help. <sup>6</sup>But the widow who lives for pleasure is dead even while she lives. <sup>7</sup>Give the people these instructions, too, so that no one may be open to blame. <sup>8</sup>If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. <sup>9</sup>No widow may be put on the list of widows unless she is over sixty, has been faithful to her husband, <sup>10</sup>and is well known for her good deeds, such as bringing up children, showing hospitality, washing the feet of the saints, helping those in trouble and devoting herself to all kinds of good deeds.

### Deuteronomy 10:18

<sup>18</sup>God defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the alien, giving him food and clothing.

### Observations on Charity...

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### Luke 11:13

<sup>13</sup>"You, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children."

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### Luke 2:36-38

<sup>36</sup>There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup>and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. <sup>38</sup>Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.