

Introduction – **Coaching tip #5:** No amount of gifts or brains can make up for a lack of _____.

The context – people and problems in Ephesus

Paul’s coaching for Timothy

1 Timothy 5

- How to treat all people. 1 Timothy 5:1-2
- How to treat widows. 1 Timothy 5:3-16
- How to treat elders. 1 Timothy 5:17-20
- Fourth personal challenge – lead wisely and fairly! 1 Timothy 5:21-25

The coaching “nuggets” – If you don’t remember anything else...

The truth:

*...to **maintain these principles** without bias, **doing nothing** in a spirit of partiality.*

1 Timothy 5:21

Our response:

*¹ **Do not sharply rebuke** an older man, but rather **appeal to him** as a father, to the younger men as **brothers**, ² the older women as **mothers**, and the younger women as **sisters**, in all purity.*

1 Timothy 5:1-2

Paul's coaching for us

The subject: Relationships in the Church.

The underlying issue: Wisdom – what to do, when, how, and why.

The underlying question: Am I willing to address the relational challenges in my home, work, and church?

The action required: Step _____!

- Memorize 1 Timothy 5:1-2 until it's in both your head and heart.
- Get wise, outside counsel.
- Develop a plan and timeline to act.

The unspoken need: To develop _____.

How?

1. **Head** = Know the Truth – Word

Joshua 1:9
Proverbs 17:17

2. **Heart** = Live the Truth – Mentor

Matthew 7:1-6
Galatians 6:1-2

3. **Hands** = Share the Truth – Practice

Proverbs 27:17
Ephesians 4:11-16

Discussion Questions:

1. According to 1 Timothy 5:1-2, we're to treat all people with respect. How are you doing with that? Where do you need to improve?
2. Chip defined emotional intelligence as "being able to relate to people by understanding where they're coming from, and then doing the right thing, at the right time in the right way." Why is that important?
3. To develop courage we must know, live, and share the truth. Which one of these areas do you need to *step into* today?
4. Is God calling you to courageously address any relational challenges at home, work/school, or church? How will you lovingly step into it?