

What Scripture Has To Say Concerning Widows

Exodus 22:22-24 NIV	“Do not take advantage of a widow or an orphan. If you do and they cry out to me, I will certainly hear their cry. My anger will be aroused, and I will kill you with the sword; your wives will become widows and your children fatherless.”
Deuteronomy 14:29 NIV	... the fatherless and widows who live in your towns may come eat and be satisfied, and so that the LORD your God may bless you in all the works of your hands.
Deuteronomy 10:18 NIV	He (the Lord your God) defend the cause of the fatherless and the widow . . .
Deuteronomy 24:19 NIV	When you are harvesting in your fields and overlook a sheaf do not go back and get it. Leave it for the alien, the fatherless and the widow , so that the LORD your God may bless you in all the works of your hands. When you beat the olives from your trees, do not go over the branches a second time. Leave what remains for the alien, the fatherless, and the widow . When you harvest grapes in your vineyard, do not go over the vines again. Leave what remains for the alien, the fatherless, and the widow .
Deuteronomy 26:12 NIV	When you have finished setting aside a tenth of all your produce in the third year, the year of the tithe, you shall give it to the Levite, the alien, the fatherless and the widow , so that they may eat in your towns and be satisfied.
Deuteronomy 27:19 NIV	Cursed is the man who withholds justice from the alien, the fatherless, or the widow .
Job 22:9-11 NIV	And you sent widows away empty-handed and broke the strength of the fatherless. That is why snares are all around you, why sudden peril terrifies you, why it is so dark you cannot see, and why a flood of water covers you.
Job 29:11-13 NIV	Whoever heard me spoke well of me, and those who saw me commended me, because I rescued the poor who cried for help, and the fatherless who had none to assist him. The man who was dying blessed me; I made the widow's heart sing.
Psalms 68:4-5 NIV	Sing to the Lord, sing praises to his name. Exalt him who rides upon the clouds – His name is the Lord, Rejoice before Him. A father to the fatherless and a defender of the widows is God in His holy dwelling.
Psalms 146:9	The Lord watches over the alien, and sustains the fatherless and the widow , but He frustrates the way of the wicked.
Proverbs 15:25 NIV	The LORD tears down the proud man's house, but keeps the widow's boundaries intact.

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Isaiah 1:17 NIV

Learn to do right, seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the fatherless and plead the case of the *widow*.

Isaiah 54:4-5 NIV

“Do not be afraid; you will suffer no shame. Do not fear disgrace; you will not be humiliated. You will forget the shame of your youth and remember no more the reproach of your *widowhood*. For your Maker is your husband – the LORD almighty is his name – the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer; He is called the God of all the earth.

Zachariah 7:9-10 NIV

“This is what the LORD almighty says: ‘Administer true justice: show mercy and compassion to one another. Do not oppress the *widow* or the fatherless, the alien or the poor. In your hearts do not think evil of each other.’”

Jeremiah 22:16 NIV

He defended the cause of the poor and needy, and so all went well. “Is that not what it means to know me?” declares the Lord.

Mark 12:42-44 NIV

But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny. Calling his disciples to him Jesus said, “I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They gave out of their wealth: but she, out of her poverty, putting everything – All she had to live on.”

Luke 2:36-37 NIV

There was also a prophetess, named Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, from the tribe of Asher. She was very old: she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshipped night and day, fasting and praying. Coming up to them (Mary, Joseph, and Jesus) at that very moment, she gave thanks to God, and spoke about the child to who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

Luke 21:1-4 NIV

As he looked up, Jesus saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. “I tell you the truth,” He said, “this widow has put in more than all the others. All these people gave gifts out of their wealth, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.”

Luke 20:45-47

... Jesus said to his disciples, “Beware of the teachers of the law, they like to walk around in flowing robes and love to be greeted in the marketplaces and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at the banquets. They devour widows’ houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. Such men will be punished most severely.”

Acts 6:1-7 NIV

In those days when the number of disciples were increasing, the Grecian Jew among them complained about the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. So the twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, “It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order

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for us to wait tables. Brothers chose seven men from among you who are know to be full of spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them and will give our attention over to prayer and the ministry of the word. This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and full of the Holy Spirit, also Phillip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timan, Parmenas, and Nicholas of Antioch, a convert to Judiasm. They presented these men to the apostles who prayed and laid their hands on them. So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.

I Timothy 5:3-8 NIV

Give proper recognition to those widows who are really in need. But if a widow has children or grandchildren, they 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. 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. But the widow who lives for pleasure is dead even while she lives. Give the people these instructions, too, so that no one may be open to blame. 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.

I Timothy 5:16 NIV

If any woman who is a believer has widows in her family, she should help them and not let the church be burdened with them, so that the church can help those widows who are really in need.

James 1:27 NIV

Religion (worship) that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world