Give No Occasion for Reproach

1st Timothy 5:9-16

(series #19)

Intro: an example of Jesus unmasking the heart
- Matthew 15:1-7

I. The Qualifications for Being on the List vv. 9-10

A. At least 60 years of age

B. "One man woman"

C. Well reported for good works

1. If she has brought up children
2. If she has lodged strangers
3. If she has washed the saints' feet
4. If she has cared for the afflicted
5. If she has followed every good work

II. Th Exclusion of Younger Widows vv. 11-15

A. They may want to remarry vv. 11-12

B. They may develop bad/sinful habits v. 13

C. They should be open to remarriage vv. 14-15

III. The Summary Principle v. 16

A. The first line of responsibility isn't the church

B. The fist line of responsibility is the family

Conclusion: The reputation of Christ is connected to your behavior and actions and words