**Training for Life—Case Study 2**

(for use with lesson 5)

**Gretchen’s Need**

Gretchen is an elderly woman in your church. She lost her husband a few years ago, and she has been living off social security ever since. Within the last year her only son passed away leaving Gretchen without any close family members.

Gretchen is active at church as a Sunday School teacher and women’s Bible study leader. She reaches out to her neighbors and even saw one of them trust in Christ.

Recent health issues have left Gretchen with a lot of financial strain. She is concerned about losing her house if she doesn’t get some financial help.

After you spent an afternoon helping Gretchen with her yard, you sensed she is being overlooked by the church. You want to approach your deacon with Gretchen’s need.

* How could you use 1 Timothy 5:3–16 to point out that the church should help Gretchen financially?

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**Poor Pastor**

Pastor Greg, the pastor of your friend’s church, has announced that he will be resigning from his position. He said that he made this decision in order to find a position that will pay better.

Pastor Greg is married with three children. He has requested a raise several times, stating that he was having a hard time meeting his normal expenses. Although the church budget allowed for a raise, the deacons felt that a pastor should make less than most of the people in the church. They want to make sure that he is in ministry for God and not for the money.

* How could you utilize 1 Timothy 5:17 and 18 to give your friend advice about this situation?