

Do Not Neglect Widows

by Ignatius of Antioch

The sermon emphasizes the importance of caring for widows and fostering a supportive Christian community.

Scripture: Galatians 3:28, Colossians 3:23, 1 Timothy 5:3, Hebrews 10:24

Topics: "Social Justice", "Humility"

Description

Ignatius of Antioch emphasizes the importance of caring for widows and slaves, urging believers to be their protectors and friends, seeking God's approval in all actions. He encourages steadfastness and frequent assembly of believers, emphasizing personal connection by seeking after each individual by name. Ignatius advises against despising slaves but encourages humility and submission for the glory of God, warning against seeking freedom at the expense of others and being enslaved by personal desires.

Transcript

Let not the widows be neglected. Be thou, after the Lord, their protector and friend. Let nothing be done without thy consent; neither do thou anything without the approval of God, which indeed thou doest not. Be thou stedfast. Let your assembling together be of frequent occurrence: seek after all by name. Do not despise either male or female slaves, yet neither let them be puffed up with conceit, but rather let them submit themselves the more, for the glory of God, that they may obtain from God a better liberty.

Let them not wish to be set free [from slavery] at the public expense, that they be not found slaves to their own desires.

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