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 widow, who is not less than three-   
 taken into the number un- score years old, "the wife of one »turei se   
 der threescore years old, husband, being 1° well reported of   
 having been the wife of one in good works; if she at any time   
 man, 1 well reported of| brought up children, if she ° enter- 0 Acts xvi-15   
 Sor good works ; if she have tained strangers, if she P washed the , den 'swit's   
 brought up children, if she saints’ feet, if she relieved the Eke vi,   
 have lodged strangers, if afflicted, if she followed after every #5".   
 she have washed the saints’   
 feet, if she have relieved   
 the afflicted, if she have   
 diligently followed every good work. 11 But younger widows   
 good work, 11 But the decline: for when they shall wax   
 younger widows refuse : for wanton against Christ, they desire to   
 when they have begun to marry; 1% bearing a judgment, be-   
 wax wanton against Christ,   
 they will marry; ¥\* having   
   
 27. Let a woman be enrolled a widow, external act itself: as Theodoret reminds   
 who is not less than sixty years old, the us, it was an ancient practice among   
 wife of one husband (compare ch. iii. Christians: see John xiii. 14, and note, in   
 Here, as contemporaneous polygamy is out which, though a formal ceremony in obe-   
 of the question, and thus one element of dience to our Saviour’s words is   
 difficulty in the other case is eliminated, the principle of serving one another,   
 we can hardly understand any thing other which would lead to such an act on occasion   
 than that the aged widow spoken of should presented, is maintained), if she (at any   
 have been the wife of only one husband: time) relieved the distressed (not merely   
 j.e., not married a second time. So that the poor, but those afflicted in any way),   
 the parallel expressions here and in iii. 2 if she followed every good work (Chry-   
 will be consistently interpretcd), a sostom, in his fine homily on this passage,   
 good character (testimony from without, cited above, says: “ What is the following   
 compare ch. iii. in (the element or region every good work? It is, example, the   
 in which that testimony is versed) good going into a prison and visiting the pri-   
 works ; if (the conditions have as yet been soners, the visiting the the comforting   
 expressed by participles in agreement with the distressed, the soothing those who are   
 the noun : the construction is changed in pain, the contributing in every way all   
 for the hypothetical) she at any time that is possible, declining nothing that   
 brought up children (her own ? or those of may tend to the well-being and refreshment   
 others? If [1], the barren might seem of them that are our brethren.” Bengel’s   
 hardly dealt with: if [2], word must idea, “ that it is part of those in high   
 be somewhat forced aside from its ordinary station, and of men, to set the example of   
 meaning. Still this considering that. good works, and of women, to follow, in   
 entertaining strangers is‘ the next good helping on as much as they can,” is inge-   
 work specified, seems most probable), if nious but wrong. For the expression, “ to   
 she (at any time) entertained strangers follow good works,” is used in Greek of   
 (practised hospitality. This clearly points those who do them as a pursuit of life,   
 out a person above the rank of the poor and without reference to any relative priority).   
 indigent : though Chrysostom pithily re- 11.] But younger widows decline   
 plies, “Even if she be poor, she has a (to place on the roll, above on ver. 9:   
 house. For I don’t suppose she dwells in not ‘avoid,’ fear of scandal, as Chry-   
 the open air.” One is glad to hear that sostom in the homily above cited : nor both   
 all the Christian widows at Constantinople of these combined, as Huther : nor ‘ decline   
 were so well off. But it can hardly have as objects for alms of the church,’ as   
 been so in the apostolic age. Compare, on some above): for when they shall wax   
 the subject of hospitality, iii. Tit.i. 8: wanton against Christ (their proper bride-   
 Rom. xii. 18: Heb. xiii. 2), if (at any groom), they desire to (the A. V. has   
 time) washed the feet of the saints (this utterly confused thesense rendering “they   
 may be an expression intended to signify will marry,” as if it a simple future)   
 performing the humblest offices. Still, marry (again); bearing (on themselves, asa   
 must not dismiss from our consideration the burden: seeGal.v.10)ajudgment(from God: