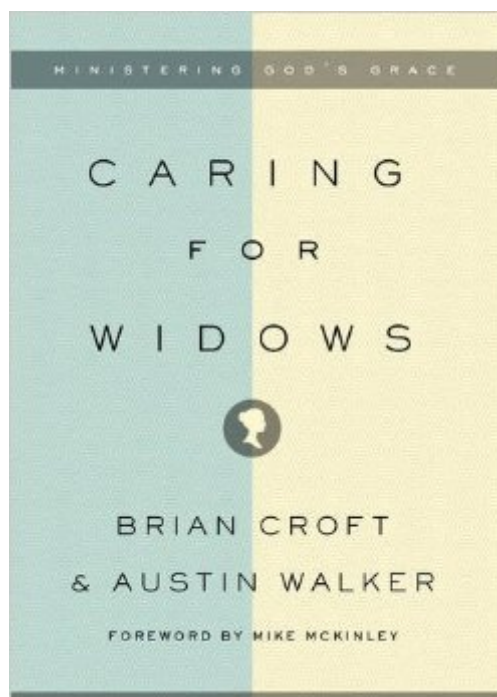


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I should declare two interests: first, I am the friend of one of the authors and the son of the other; second, I am a pastor of a church with widows among the membership. My bias lies along the second interest! There are painfully few volumes, either old or new, that deal with the issues that are raised in this book. In many genuinely Christian churches, sincere and well-meaning Christians live and serve without particular regard for the widows among them, either simply failing to take account of their specific circumstances or otherwise collapsing them into a category of general need. In this volume, the two authors set out to address the church's care for widows in biblical language within a scriptural framework, and so to provide pastors, deacons and churches with a divinely-ordained principle and pattern for the care of godly widows in their midst. The book is in two sections. The

first, by Austin Walker, considers the biblical warrant for the care of widows, hammering out from Old and New Testaments the concerns, instructions and examples that are characteristic of or connected with these often-very-vulnerable ladies. In the second part, Brian Croft offers some pastoral application, suggesting and demonstrating various ways in which the church of Christ can embrace their duties and privileges in serving such women of God. A couple of brief appendices, one historical, close out the book. This is an excellent resource addressing a topic rarely considered. It leaves God's people with no reason to remain ignorant or confused about their calling to care for widows.

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