

SERMON: THE GIFT OF TIME

(A Sermon For Senior Citizens Recognition)

Psalm 37:25a; Psalm 92:13-14

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I have been young, and now am old.

Psalm 92:13-14

(13) Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. (14) They shall bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing.

Introduction

As we age, time hangs like a curse or a blessing. Which one it will be for each of us depends on whether we let time liberate us or enslave us. We are enslaved when we grieve over the physical activities our bodies no longer allow us to do. We are enslaved when we constantly fret over missed opportunities, mistakes, or failures.

However, we are liberated when we see ourselves as an accumulation of all the experiences, good and bad, and of all the people we have ever known, as part of a great adventure that God allowed to nurture and mature us into the unique individuals we are today.

We are liberated when we accept the infirmities of aging, while maintaining an attitude of gratitude for the gift of longevity.

The eternity of the past and the eternity of the future are separated by our chronological time here on earth. This time allows us to prepare for the eternity of the future. God's ways are not our ways. In His infinite wisdom, He gives some of us more chronological time than others. All of us should use our time on earth to glorify God and to edify others. We must never forget that Jesus came that we could live abundant lives – no matter our age. Most senior citizens have more discretionary time than in any other

phase of their lives. Since we have more time, more time for what? So, let's see how we can put our God-given longevity to the best spiritual and practical uses. I know I am preaching to everyone, but primarily to senior citizens. For our elders this is just a quick reaffirming review.

Exposition

1. More Time For Reflections From A Mature Perspective.

2. More Time For Those You Love.

3. More Time For Those Who Need You.

4. More Time To Enjoy The World Around You.

5. More Time To Enhance Your Inner-Self.

Closing Thoughts

We all are familiar with the saying, "Grow old gracefully." Part of growing old gracefully is to grow old "gratefully." This can be a reality when we know that all things work together for good for those who answer His call to salvation and to service. Our foreparents say it best in the phrase, "I wouldn't take nothing for my journey now." This phrase is so powerful that Martin Luther King, Jr., Maya Angelou, and Southern Gospel Groups borrowed it from our ancestors. The message is positive - very positive. It asserts that no matter the stage of life or the conditions before us, we can be prayerfully and "praisefully" content. Give God Glory! Give God All The Glory.

Related Scriptures

**Proverbs 16:31; Proverbs 20: 29; 2nd Corinthians 4:15-16;
Titus 2:2-3.**

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