

# OLDER AND BETTER

## INTRODUCTION

Placing a premium on youth is not new to our generation  
(1 Kings 12:1-14)

### 1. WHO ARE THE ELDERLY?

No matter how long we live, the Bible describes life as fleeting:

(Psalm 90:10) "it is soon cut off, and we fly away"

(Job 7:6) "My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle"

(Job 14:1) "Man that is born of a woman is of few days"

(James 1:10-11) "as the flower of the grass ..."

(James 4:14) "... it is even a vapor, that appears for a little time, then vanishes away"

(1 Peter 1:24) "all flesh is as grass ..."

### 2. WHAT VALUABLE WORK IS THERE FOR THE ELDERLY?

#### **1. Grow old wisely.**

(Job 12:12) "With the ancient is wisdom, and in length of days understanding"  
The lessons of hardship, success and failure, is to be passed on to the younger set.

#### **2. Grow old righteously.**

(Prov. 16:31) "A gray head is a crown of glory; it is found in the way of righteousness"  
(Rev. 2:10) "... be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life"

#### **3. Grow old in service**

(Luke 2:37-38) "Anna ... served God with fasting and prayers ..."  
There's a work that we all can do.

#### **4. Grow old trusting God.**

(Isaiah 46:4) "Even to your old age I will be the same, and even to your graying years  
I will bear you. I have done it, and will carry you, and I will bear you and deliver you"

### 3. WHAT MAY YOUTH DO FOR THE ELDERLY?

#### **1. Listen to them.**

**2. Respect and/or honor them.** (Prov. 23:22 and Lev. 19:32)

**3. Care for them.** (1 Tim. 5:8 and James 1:27)