Senior Saints

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INTRODUCTION

- If you consider yourself to be a seasoned or a senior disciple of Jesus Christ, are you willing to try new things?
- The Bible teaches that those who are seasoned and seniors in life have tremendous value.
- All throughout the Bible, we find God using seasoned and older people in life to do amazing things for his glory.

1 They Must Never Be Content

Philippians 3:12–16

- Senior saints, senior disciples should never be content with their current spiritual progress.
- I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.
- Notice how Paul says that he was not content with where he was spiritually.
- God wants them to never be content with their current knowledge.
- He said you're never too old to learn.

2 They Must Never Retire

Philippians 3:14; Joshua 14:6–12

- There's nothing wrong with retiring from secular work. But there is something wrong with retiring from the Lord's work.
- And now, behold, I'm 85 years old today. I'm still as strong today as I was in the day that Moses sent me.
- Even at 85 years old, with the strength God had given him. He believed that God could still use him.
- Senior saints must never retire from the service of God.

3 Practical Ways to Remain Useful and Fruitful

Titus 2:2–5; 1 Timothy 4:12; Job 12:12

- One of the important ways in which senior saints can continue serving the Lord and bearing fruit in the kingdom of God is by providing a positive example.
- The Bible commands seasoned sisters in the church to teach and influence the younger sisters.
- So often we say that the younger folks are the church of the future. But notice how Paul says in these verses that future is being shaped today.
- God doesn't want older saints to look down upon and despise the young. Instead, he wants them to encourage them, strengthen them, build them up.
- Wisdom is with the aged men with long life is understanding.

4 Things We Need to Do for Our Senior Saints

Titus 2

- The first thing we need to do is we need to be respectful.
- We need to talk to them respectfully. We need to be kind to them. We need to be grateful for them. We need to value them.
- Us younger folks need to spend time with the older folks.
- We need to listen to the wisdom they have accumulated in life.
- We need to be thankful for all they've done to serve the Lord in the past and all they're trying to do to serve the Lord today.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **No matter what age we are, no matter if we're teens or in our 20s, 30s, 40s, or if we are considered to be senior saints, we should all strive to grow and be useful and fruitful for the Lord.**

MY NOTES