



### SENIOR CITIZENS IN THE LORD

The Bible does not say at what age we actually become a Senior Citizen. The only sign that we have become a Senior, is by our Gray Hair. If you want to live long enough to become a Senior Citizen, God promises that you may if you **keep** this Commandment.

Eph 6:2-3 Exod 20:12

2 **Honour thy father and mother;** (which is the first commandment with promise;)

3 **That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.**

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Our 'Crown' as Senior Citizens is our Grandchildren. **IF** we 'Fear the Lord' we **will** live to see our Grandchildren, and God **will** extend **His** Righteousness unto them.

Prov 17:6

6 **Children's children are the crown of old** (Elder) **men** (and Elder women):...

**Ps 128:4 & 6**

4 **Behold, that thus shall the man** (everyone) **be blessed that feareth the Lord.**

6 **Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children,** and peace upon Israel.

**Ps 103:17**

17 **But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children;**

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Younger people are to also 'Fear the Lord' and to honor and submit to their Elders.

**Lev 19:32**

32 **Thou** (younger) **shalt rise up before the hoary** (Gray) **head, and honour the face of the old** (Elder) **man** (and Elder woman), **and fear thy God: I am the Lord.**

**1 Pet 5:5**

5 **Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder** (Seniors)....

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The 'Beauty' of Senior Citizens is their Gray Hair, and it will become a 'Glorious Crown' **IF** we walk in Righteousness!

**Prov 20:29**

29 ...and **the beauty of old** (Elder) **men** (and Elder women) **is the gray head.**

**Prov 16:31**

31 **The hoary** (Gray) **head is a crown of glory** (a Glorious Crown), **if it be found in the way of righteousness.**

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Even though most of us would like to live long lives, what is important is not that we live long, but that we are **in the Lord!** Being **in the Lord** means that we have invited Jesus Christ into our Hearts as our Lord and Savior. Even as Seniors **in the Lord**, Growing Old may not be easy, but we know that everything will work out for good because we **Love** God, and we know that **Jesus will** take care of **all** of our needs.

**Ps 37:25**

25 **I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.**

**Rom 8:28**

28 **And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.**

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When we 'Die' **in the Lord**, we know that we are Blessed and we are preserved forever.

**Rev 14:13**

13 **And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.**

**Ps 37:28**

28 **For the Lord loveth judgment** (justice), **and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved for ever:...**

**Ps 116:15**

15 **Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.**

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Senior Citizens **in the Lord** need to be 'planted' in the House of the Lord. Those that are 'planted' will still bring forth fruit in Old Age and will be Anointed and flourishing.

**Ps 92:13-14**

13 **Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish** (blossom) **in the courts of our God.**

14 **They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat** (Anointed) **and flourishing;**

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As Senior Citizens **in the Lord**, we need to 'Praise the Name of the Lord'!

**Ps 148:12-13**

12 **Both** young men, and maidens; **old** (Elder) **men** (and Elder women), and children:

13 **Let them praise the name of the Lord: for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven.**

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Senior Citizens **in the Lord** are to lead 'exemplifying lives' so that they may serve as 'examples', and to Teach the younger men and women how to live properly.

**Titus 2:1-2**

1 **But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:**

2 **That the aged** (Older) **men be sober** (abstain from wine), **grave** (be honest & reverent), **temperate** (moderate & self-controlled), **sound in faith, in charity** (love), **in patience.**

**Titus 2:6**

6 **Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded** (sound & right minded).

**Titus 2:3-8**

3 **The aged** (Older) **women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;**

4 **That they may teach the young women to be sober** (sound minded), **to love their husbands, to love their children,**

5 **To be discreet** (self-controlled), **chaste** (modest), **keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.**

7 **In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity** (honesty), **sincerity,**

8 **Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.**

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Senior Citizens **in the Lord** should be 'Leaders' in the Church. (Numbers 8:25-26)

**Acts 14:23 Titus 1:5**

23 **And when they had ordained them elders (Seniors) in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed.**

**1 Pet 5:1-2**

1 **The elders (Seniors) which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder (Senior), and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:**

2 **Feed (shepherd) the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;**

**James 5:14**

14 **Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders (Seniors) of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:**

**1 Tim 5:17**

17 **Let the elders (Seniors) that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.**

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God is using **His Seniors** in these last days to see 'Visions in Dreams' and to 'Prophecy'.

**Acts 2:17-18 Joel 2:28-29**

17 **And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men (and women) shall dream (see visions in) dreams:**

18 **And on my servants (male bondservants) and on my handmaidens (female bondservants) I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:**

God will even use Senior Citizen's homes to lodge visitors. (Romans 12:13 1 Peter 4:9)

**Acts 21:16**

16 **There went with us also certain of the disciples of Caesarea, and brought with them one Mnason of Cyprus, an old disciple, with whom we should lodge.**

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As we grow Older, and are in need of 'encouragement', pray this prayer of David.

**Ps 71:9**

9 **Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth.**

**Ps 71:18**

18 **Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed thy strength (mighty arm) unto this generation, and thy power (victory) to every one that is to come.**

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**OLDIES BUT GOODIES**

As Senior Citizens, you may have heard the expression that we may be 'Oldies' but we are also 'Goodies'! For Senior Citizens **in the Lord**, this means that even though we may be 'Oldies', we are **still** 'Goodies' because we know that even though we may be weak, we are **always strong in the Lord.**

**Ps 28:8**

8 **The Lord is their strength and he is the saving strength of his anointed (Saints).**

**2 Cor 12:10**

10 **Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.**

We know that even in Old Age the Lord will 'carry us' and will increase our strength.

**Isa 46:4**

4 **And even to your old age I am he; and even to hoar (Gray) hairs will I carry you: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you.**

**Isa 40:29**

29 **He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.**

If we **will** 'wait patiently' upon the Lord, we **will** renew our strength, we **will** rise up with wings as eagles, we **will** run and not be weary, and we **will** walk and not faint!

**Isa 40:31**

31 **But they that wait (patiently) upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up (rise up) with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.**

**Eph 6:10**

10 **Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.**

**AMEN!**

**TIMOTHY II**