

Becoming spiritually mature

Titus 2:2

Introduction:

Proverbs 16:31 *A gray head is a crown of glory; It is found in the way of righteousness.*

Proverbs 17:6 *Grandchildren are the crown of old men, And the glory of sons is their fathers.*

Proverbs 20:29 *The glory of young men is their strength, And the honor of old men is their gray hair.*

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Job 12:12 *Wisdom is with aged men, With long life is understanding*

Ecclesiastes 12:1 *Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near when you will say, "I have no delight in them"*

2 Timothy 4:7 *I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith;*

Leviticus 19:32 *You shall rise up before the grayheaded, and honor the aged, and you shall revere your God; I am the Lord*

Generally, in this passage, God is...

1-Urging older men to live _____

2-Expecting older men to be the spiritual _____

3-Establishing these qualities for older men to _____ pursue

4-Reminding everyone [from children to elders] to not _____ the older saints

5-Indicating that spiritual maturity usually comes with _____

Philemon 9 *yet for love's sake I rather appeal to you--since I am such a person as Paul, the aged*

Luke 1:18 *Zacharias said to the angel, How shall I know this for certain? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years*

1 Timothy 5:9 *Let a widow be put on the list only if she is not less than sixty years old...*

#1. Spiritual maturity means living _____

Who is the temperate Christian?

T/F = I am not out of control, but under Holy Spirit control

T/F = I am clear as to what is most important in life
and live those priorities

T/F = I am clear headed in my thinking

T/F = I am not over indulgent in my lifestyle

#2. Spiritual maturity means living worthy of _____

A dignified person is...

1st - Serious about _____ things

2nd - Less _____ to the pleasures of this life

Matthew 6:33 seek first His kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you.

3rd - Longing to gain _____

#3. Spiritually maturity means living _____

1st - Sensible means controlling your _____

2nd - Sensible means focusing your _____

2 Corinthians 10:5 ...we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ

3 1 - ___ more and watch less TV

2 - While talking, discuss ideas more and _____ less

Proverbs 10:19 When there are many words, transgression is unavoidable, But he who restrains his lips is wise.

3 - Read more bible than you do newspaper

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#4. Spiritual maturity means having biblical _____ & a fresh _____

1st - Sound in faith means having doctrinal _____

2nd - Sound in faith means having an intimate _____ with Christ

The older you get, is your...

- confidence in Christ more or less?
- reliance upon Christ more or less?
- faith more active and public or passive and private?
- trust in scripture greater or lesser?
- walk more service oriented or pleasure oriented?
- confidence in God's character stronger or weaker
- trust in God's sovereign plan secure or unstable
- faith more on fire or lukewarm?

2 Timothy 4:2 preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.

#5. Spiritual maturity shows a tender, truthful and sacrificial _____

1st - Men of _____

2nd - Men of _____

3rd - Men of _____

#6. Spiritual maturity means staying _____

1st - Under _____

James 1:3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. 4 And let endurance have its perfect result, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

2nd - In an unbreakable _____

Conclusion:

1-If you're older, be a spiritual _____

2-If you are younger, _____ the older

1 Timothy 5:1 Do not sharply rebuke an older man, but rather appeal to him as a father 2 the older women as mothers

3-Regardless of age,

4D _____ up with the other generation

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1 Peter 5:5

4-All of us will either let our _____ work for God or let our time work against us.

Ephesians 5:15 be careful how you walk, not as unwise men, but as wise, 16 making the most of your time, because the days are evil

Family Questions:

Why is it so important in the mind of God for younger to honor the older?

Why are there so few older godly models today?

What should we be learning from our older Godly examples at FBC?

Which older saints will we adopt or what younger saints will we train?

How can your family show love to the older saints at Faith this week?