

GENERATION WEAK AND WHINY!

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TEXT: Ecclesiastes 12:1 Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh...

3 In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble...

5 Also when they shall be afraid of that which is high, and fears shall be in the way, and the almond tree shall flourish, and **the grasshopper shall be a burden...**

"...and the grasshopper
drags itself along..."

(NIV, NASB)

**Ecclesiastes 12:2 While the sun, or
the light, or the moon, or the stars, be
not darkened, nor the clouds return
after the rain:**

(Literal)

Ecclesiastes 12:3 In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those that look out of the windows be darkened,

(Figurative)

Ecclesiastes 12:4 And the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low, and he shall rise up at the voice of the bird, and all the daughters of musick shall be brought low;

(Literal)

**Ecclesiastes 12:5 Also when
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which is high, and fears shall
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...and the almond tree shall flourish...

(Figurative)

**...and the grasshopper
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Numbers 13:33 And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight **as grasshoppers**, and so we were in their sight.

Job 39:20 Canst thou make him afraid as a **grasshopper**?...

Isaiah 40:22 It is he that
sitteth upon the circle of the
earth, and the **inhabitants**
thereof are as
grasshoppers...

Leviticus 26:36...and the
sound of a shaken leaf shall
chase them; and they shall
flee, as fleeing from a sword;
and they shall fall when none
pursueth.

Leviticus 26:36 And upon them
that are left alive of you **I will**
send a faintness into their hearts
in the lands of their enemies; and
the sound of a shaken leaf shall
chase them...

**2 Thessalonians 2:3 Let no
man deceive you by any
means: for that day shall not
come, except there come a
falling away first...**

2 Timothy 4:3 For the time will come when they will **not** **endure** sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

Isaiah 29:21 That **make a man an offender for a word**, and lay a snare for him that reproveth in the gate...

**Lamentations 5:7 Our
fathers have sinned, and
are not; and we have borne
their iniquities.**

Genesis 19:11 And they smote
the men that were at the door
of the house with blindness,
both small and great: so that
they **wearied themselves to
find the door.**

**Ezekiel 24:12 She
hath wearied herself
with lies...**

Jeremiah 9:5 And they will
deceive every one his neighbour,
and will not speak the truth: they
have taught their tongue to speak
lies, and **wear themselves to
commit iniquity...**

Psalm 38:4 For mine
iniquities are gone over
mine head: as **an heavy**
burden they are too heavy
for me.

**Ezekiel 16:58 Thou hast borne
thy lewdness and thine
abominations, saith the Lord.
59 For thus saith the Lord
God; I will even deal with thee
as thou hast done...**

**Proverbs 13:15...the
way of transgressors
is hard.**

Galatians 6:1 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

5 For every man shall bear his own burden.

9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

**Leviticus 19:17 Thou shalt not
hate thy brother in thine
heart: thou shalt in any wise
rebuke thy neighbour, and not
suffer sin upon him.**

Jeremiah 20:9 Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and **I was weary with forbearing**, and I could not stay.

10 For I heard the defaming of many...All my familiars watched for my halting, saying, Peradventure he will be enticed, and we shall prevail against him, and we shall take our revenge on him.

11 But the Lord is with me as a mighty terrible one: therefore my persecutors shall stumble...

Revelation 2:2 I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how **thou canst not bear** them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:

3 And **hast borne**, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted.

**Psalms 50:18 When thou
sawest a thief, then thou
consentedst with him, and
hast been partaker with
adulterers.**

Psalm 69:7 Because for **thy sake I have borne** reproach; shame hath covered my face.

8 I am become a stranger unto my brethren, and an alien unto my mother's children.

9 For **the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up**; and the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me.

Isaiah 53:4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

Hebrews 13:13 Let us go
forth therefore unto him
without the camp,
bearing his reproach.

**Psalm 55:22 Cast thy
burden upon the Lord, and
he shall sustain thee: he
shall never suffer the
righteous to be moved.**

1 Corinthians 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that **ye may be able to bear it.**

Jeremiah 12:5 If thou hast run with the footmen, and **they have wearied thee**, then how canst thou contend with horses? and if in the land of peace, wherein thou trustedst, they **wearied thee**, then how wilt thou do in the swelling of Jordan?

**Job 38:3 Gird up now
thy loins like a man; for
I will demand of thee,
and answer thou me.**

1 Corinthians 16:13

Watch ye, stand fast in
the faith, quit you like
men, be strong.

Romans 15:1 We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

2 Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification.

3 For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me.

Isaiah 40:31 But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, **and not be weary**; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Hebrews 12:3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

4 Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.

Genesis 4:13 And Cain
said unto the Lord, My
punishment is greater
than I can bear.

**Malachi 2:16...the God of Israel, saith
that he hateth putting away...**

**17 Ye have wearied the Lord with your
words.** Yet ye say, Wherein have we
wearied him? When ye say, Every one
that doeth evil is good in the sight of the
Lord, and he delighteth in them; or,
Where is the God of judgment?

NCBI - NIH, FW Booth (2012):

"Lack of exercise is a major cause of chronic diseases...Chronic diseases are major killers in the modern era. Physical inactivity is a primary cause of most chronic diseases...."

BBC (2019):

"How modern life is transforming the human skeleton...For centuries, scientists had thought that our bones were fixed – that they grow in a predictable way, according to instructions inherited from our parents...The [deformed] goat's frame had started to look a lot like those of animals which hop...although each person's skeleton develops according to a rough template set out in their DNA, it is then tailored to accommodate the unique stresses of their life..."

"Modern life is 'producing a generation of weaklings', claims research as physical strength declines in 10-year-olds...As a generation dedicated to online pursuits grows up, 10-year-olds can do fewer sit-ups and are less able to hang from wall bars in a gym. Arm strength has declined in that age group, as has their ability to grip an object firmly.

The findings, published in the child health journal *Acta Paediatrica*, have led to fresh concern about the impact on children's health caused by the shift away from outdoor activities...They found that: The number of sit-ups 10-year-olds can do declined by 27.1% between 1998 and 2008...Arm strength fell by 26%...While one in 20 children in 1998 could not hold their own weight when hanging from wall bars, one in 10 could not do so in 2008." (*Guardian*, 2011)

"Strength scores were statistically lower than older normative data in all millennial grip strengths..."

(Journal of Hand Therapy, 2016)

"Children are becoming weaker and less fit, despite growing taller, research has revealed...children had become heavier and taller, while their fitness levels had declined..."

(<https://www.independent.ie/>, 2018)

NPR (2010):

"The U.S. Army is overhauling its basic training program for the first time in 30 years. The military says the change is necessary to keep pace with the new realities of war in Iraq and Afghanistan, but that's not the only reason. Part of the shift is intended to train a new generation of soldiers whose experience with fighting is usually limited to video games. Lt. Gen. Mark Hertling tells NPR's Scott Simon the military is learning how to mold recruits from the millennial generation..."

NPR (2010):

'We are seeing a decline across the board in America,' he says. '...this is a decline in our American society in terms of their physical capacity. It's just a softer generation...''...''But we can't afford to accept that,' Hertling says...It's not just a fitness issue, either. 'We certainly have a generation that is not as disciplined when they enter the military'...''

2 Timothy 2:3 Thou
therefore **endure**
hardness, as a good
soldier of Jesus Christ.

Proverbs 3:11 My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord; neither be **wearry of his correction:**

12 For whom the Lord loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.

13 Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding.

**Proverbs 29:15 The rod and reproof
give wisdom: but a child left to
himself bringeth his mother to
shame.**

**Proverbs 6:23...reproofs of
instruction are the way of life:**

Forbes, (May 10, 2012), John Mariotti, "A Generation of Sissies":

"In recent decades, American parents have raised a 'Generation of Sissies' - of spoiled, lazy, pampered and over-rated youth - who are highly educated, but in things that the world doesn't value very much (and thus won't pay for)...The vast majority of this generation consists of formally educated, but spoiled, soft post-adolescents, who will struggle to be self-sustaining as adults. Because of this, they will not be able to support the massive wave of retired 'Boomers,' who will be going broke in their later years.

Forbes, (May 10, 2012), John Mariotti, "A Generation of Sissies":

In eras past, the elderly were supported by the coming younger generation(s). Those days are gone. Members of this 'Generation of Sissies' have been the victims of being coddled, babied, pampered, misled, misguided, and under-educated so badly that their 'take care of me' upbringing cannot be sustained as they move into adulthood. The parents, who did this, also share in the responsibility for the failure of America's educational system. Worse yet, is the untimeliness of this 'Generation of Sissies,' who think that there are no winners or losers.

Forbes, (May 10, 2012), John Mariotti, "A Generation of Sissies":

They learned this because everyone got rewarded just for participating...The 'Generation of Sissies' was victimized by too-busy parents, who abdicated their responsibilities...Even grades are no longer a dose of reality. Kinder words replace letter grades, to soften the truth of impending mediocrity. Schools now teach 'softer studies'...Many students can't write a grammatically correct sentence, and some don't even see the point in learning to write (cursive) at all. They use Text-messages and Tweets. Signatures are nearly obsolete...

Today's youth learn that being late, or absent isn't so bad, because there is always an 'excuse'...But when they get in the world of work, employers expect employees to show up, on time, every day, and actually work all day...Too many people feel sorry for these 'underachievers,' even though part of the failure is their own fault. The 'Occupy movement' is filled with members of this 'Generation of Sissies'...They expect someone to 'take care of them' and give them what they cannot or are unprepared to earn for themselves...There will be negative comments about my title: 'Generation of Sissies' - as being demeaning. These comments will come mostly from the very same segment of society that helped create these problems - and still condones them...'

Micah 6:3 O my people, what have I done unto thee? and wherein have I wearied thee? testify against me.

Malachi 1:10 Who is there even among you that would shut the doors for nought?...

13 Ye said also, Behold, what a weariness is it! and ye have snuffed at it, saith the Lord of hosts; and ye brought that which was torn, and the lame, and the sick; thus ye brought an offering: should I accept this of your hand? saith the Lord.

Isaiah 43:22 But thou hast not
called upon me, O Jacob; but
thou hast been weary of me, O
Israel.

Isaiah 50:4 The Lord GOD
hath given me the tongue of
the learned, that I should
know how to **speak a word in**
season to him that is weary...

1 Thessalonians 2:11 As ye know how
we **exhorted and comforted and
charged every one of you, as a father
doth his children,**

12 That ye would walk worthy of
God, who hath called you unto his
kingdom and glory.