

Introductory Lesson

Selected Studies in Aging – How Did Characters in the Bible Finish in the End of Life?

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“Don’t Let Me Drown in Shallow Water” (Crawford Loritts)

Grow old along with me!
The best is yet to be,
The last of life, for which the first was made:
Our times are in his hand
Who saith “A whole I planned,
Youth shows but half; trust God: see all, nor be afraid!”
Robert Browning – “Rabbi Ben Ezra”

“Old age is as important and meaningful a part of God’s perfect will as youth. He is interested in both the waxing and waning of life. Just as potential is locked up in young people, and often never developed, so the full possibilities of old age often remain dormant and die with the person. **The work of God will be greatly enriched when more attention is given to releasing and utilizing this hidden resource. Older people represent the greatest potential resource and labor pool within our churches, though consistently ignored.**”

Dr. Howard G. Hendricks

For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing (2 Timothy 4.6-8).

So teach us (today) to number our days, That we may present to You a heart of wisdom (Psalm 90.12).

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us; And confirm for us the work of our hands; Yes, confirm the work of our hands (Psalm 90.17)

For our study we’ll be looking at many characters from the Old Testament and some from the New Testament. The apostle Paul writes this when we think about learning from the Old Testament.

Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction upon whom the ends of the ages have come (1 Corinthians 10.11).

“All that God has done in and through you up until this point is merely preparation for all He intends

