

Insecurities of Growing Old

Thesis: The older we get, the worse we become without the Word of God in the soul.

Myths of growing old:

- People become better individuals as they grow older.
- The older a person grows, the more he becomes relaxed and secured.
- People become loving and kind as they grow older.
- Older individuals have the ability to handle life and dying.
- Security is based on what people have gained, attained, and achieved.
- Age brings wisdom and expertise.
- The older an individual grows the happier they become.

There are two things to aim for in life:

- To get what you want
- To enjoy what you have

It is easy to get what you want but only those with wisdom of God have the capacity to enjoy the second. To enjoy what you have, even though you have not attained what you want requires metabolized Bible doctrine in the soul. To live a life apart from Bible doctrine is a high risk journey in a world hostile against God, the Word of God and children of God.

Living a life apart from the Word of God is like digging your own grave and digging through the walls full of snakes (Eccl. 10:8). Life without Bible doctrine is useless and meaningless. Bible doctrine gives meaning to life and anyone with metabolized Bible doctrine has meaning and purpose in life. Any task, endeavor or work done in the light of doctrinal viewpoint will have spiritual relevance and significance.

A profound reality: the Bible has very few commands for the young believers, has some command for the growing believers but many commands for the adult believers. Old age is the best part of a lifetime.

In secular sense, age is defined as the number of years that someone has lived or something has existed. The term age is better defined by its evolution through the passage from three phases that includes childhood, youth and old age.

Childhood is a phase when you are a child. A child is immature, innocent and unaware of the real world. Children always remain in the world of imagination. Whatever, he thinks of; he feels that he would get it. Children always live in an "imaginary world." They do not have money, though full of strength and have all the time to pursue anything.

Being a young man, he has that passion that pushes him to achieve all his goals in life. It is that phase of life that makes him think that he is capable to deal with even the toughest situation that comes in his way. He spends all his life in fulfilling the desires of his family. In his youth, he feels that he is the strongest man who can overtake all his problems and has the courage to win over all the difficulties of his life. They are always on the run for money, no time for God and essential things of life, energetic running after the wind.

And then, he attains his old age when the youthful days end and a young man feels tired after working so hard to survive in this competitive era. This is the age that makes him feel really helpless. He expects his children to take care of him. A man in his young age marries and spends all his life in achieving all the benefits for his children. However, in his old age, he expects his children to give all the facilities of a peaceful life but his expectations frustrate him.

At old age, they are forgotten as the parents who spent their whole youth in fulfilling the desires of their children. But the children feel that they should not waste their time in these rubbish things and go on enjoying their lives. Parents also work for their children and family, but the children forget about the ones who made them the way they are, excluding them in their family.

At old age, they are ignored, forgotten and neglected by their children. With a weary worn out face stares back at me in the mirror, years of grief disorder due to supporting family, now feeling insignificant, empty and lost.

At old age, they have the realization that they have become unwanted aliens without freedom what they like to do. They are left alone most of the time, with insecurities poisoning their mind. At adulthood, man will realize that money cannot buy freedom to do what they wanted to do, since disabilities of every sort make them disable to function normally and looking backward for what they have done for their family, relatives and others make them bitter and regretful.

Breakdowns start from loss of mental vigor resulting to loss of physical vigor resulting to spiritual vigor.

God gave Solomon a "largeness of the heart" literally a breadth of mind, the ability to comprehend the plan, purpose and will of God through consistent study of Bible doctrine (1 Kings 4:29), the opposite of which is the ignorance of truth. Ignorance means the rejection of the truth not the absence of truth. Ignorance of Bible doctrine results to physiological and biological decay of the brain.

Satan is destroying the human brain by means of the following:

- Mental illness like psychosis
- Mental disintegration like neurosis
- Mental breakdown like amnesia
- Mental disorder like neurosis
- Mental disassociation like self-isolation
- Mental dysfunction like Alzheimer
- Mental retardation like dementia
- Mental deficiency like lack of attention
- Mental depression like hopelessness
- Mental isolation like sociopathic
- Mental obsession like hysteria

If you are not happy now without Bible doctrine in the soul you cannot be happy if God will bring yesterday back or if God will fast forward tomorrow. Genuine happiness starts from your exercise of spiritual freedom. Spiritual freedom is independence from Satan and men, rejecting everything coming from satanic system and cosmic system.

Satan wants you to be miserable and there are too many around you who will make you miserable, so please do not add to that.

God designed old age for manifestation and demonstration of His faithfulness not to make people useless, feeling guilty and unsecured. No one has the right to fear aging, or be anxious of death and dying since God has provided everything for us not only to exist longer but to live older with advantage.

The set back in the spiritual life are not our weaknesses, failures, distractions disillusion or temptations to personal sins but our arrogance to stay out of God's plan. Nobody will ever become lonely who has Bible doctrine in the soul. Majority of Christians are lonely due to ignorance that Satan and the world have no right to make them lonely and miserable.

The failure of Solomon can be summarized in 5 aspects:

- Solomon failed to maintain consistent residency in the pre-designed plan of God.
- Solomon failed to maintain consistent doctrinal scales of values in every matters of life.
- Solomon failed to maintain consistent advance or momentum in the pre-designed plan of God.
- Solomon failed to maintain consistent concentration on the things above.
- Solomon failed to maintain consistent walk of faith defying his equal privileges and equal opportunity.

Solomon gave his best years to the world but gave his left over to God. He failed to go back to the source of spiritual energy and failed to walk with God:

- Failure to walk in the light (I John 1:7) that is being filled by the Holy Spirit while learning Bible.
- Failure to walk by means of the Spirit (Gal. 5:16) that is to remain in fellowship of God the Holy Spirit.
- Failure to walk in the newness of life (Rom. 6:4) that is to live in the light of Bible doctrine.
- Failure to walk by faith (2 Cor. 5:7) and keep walking by means of Him (Col. 2:6).

Age means becoming antique, becoming of great values or just simply worn-out, good for nothing. The issue is living longer with God's power and energy not merely living older waiting for death to make its call.

Solomon was saying, "Do what I say not what I do". Ecclesiastes chapter 12 is either about **old age in youthfulness** or **youthfulness in old age**, depending whether you love the Word of God or you love the cosmic world. The temptation is to bring you outside the will of God, to make you independent from God.

The truth about growing old:

1. People become bitter individual as they grow older without Bible doctrine in their soul, which is our capacity for life, love and happiness.
2. The older a person grows the more he becomes anxious, worry and unsecured without metabolized Bible doctrine in the soul.
3. People become naturally ill-natured and more unsympathetic as they grow older since the old nature becomes worse in years.
4. Older individuals have no ability to handle life and dying apart from the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit and the residence Word of God.
5. Security is not based on what people have gained, attained, and achieved but on the Bible doctrine residence in the soul.
6. Age does not bring wisdom and expertise but only learning from past experiences which does not necessarily make a person wise. Only metabolized Bible doctrine can make a person wise through its application to life experiences.
7. The older a person grows, the more he becomes unsecured and bitter toward things, others, life and even toward God if they do not have Bible doctrine in the souls.



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