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The righteous bear fruit!
Psalms 92:12-15; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

LEVITICUS 19:14, 32

The Times of OLD Age

➤ **Physical weakness and illness.**

Psalms 90:10;
Ecclesiastes 12:3-8 (1-2)

➤ **A time of increasing solitude.**

Hebrews 13:5

➤ **A solemn, reflective time.**

Proverbs 16:31; 20:29

Psalms 92:12-15
2 Corinthians
4:16-18

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➤ **Pray for God's help.** 71:1-4, 9
(Luke 18:1-8)

➤ **Trust the Lord.** 71:1-7; Psalms 9:9-10

- Unscrupulous mistreat. 71:4, 10-11
- But, God is not far away. 71:12; Psalms 37:25;
Galatians 6:9; Hebrews 13:5
- God keeps His word. Isaiah 46:3-4

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➤ **Hope continually.** 71:5, 14 (33:18-22)

- Anchor of the soul. Hebrews 6:19
- Wait on the Lord. 71:19-21; cf. Isaiah 40:27-31
- He had seen God's power and mercy in trials.
cf. 2 Timothy 4:16-18
 - Simeon. Luke 2:25-32

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➤ **Speak of God's righteousness.**
71:15-16, 24

- Effective teacher with age. Job 32:7;
Psalms 90:12
- Must be living righteously. Proverbs 16:31;
Ecclesiastes 6:3
 - Anna. Luke 2:36-38

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➤Tell the next generation of God's works.

71:17-18

- Leave a spiritual legacy. Psalms 78:1-7
- Use your influence to help your children and grandchildren. cf. 2 Timothy 3:13-15
 - Tell them what He has done. 71:17
 - Tell of His mighty power. 71:18
 - NOTE: Exodus 12:25ff; Joshua 4:20-24

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➤Praise God always. 71:8, 14-15, 22-23 (148:12-13)

- God's power, salvation, redemption.
- Anna did not depart. Luke 2:36-38
- What joy and encouragement to see aged Christians assembling to worship God! Hebrews 10:24-25

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You have a Place in God's Service!

➤Older men

- Sober (vigilant)
- Reverent (honorable)
- Temperate
- Sound in faith, in love,
in patience

Ephesians 4:16

Titus 2:2-4

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You have a Place in God's Service!

➤Older women

- Sober
- Reverent in behavior (fitting deportment)
- Not slanderers
- Not enslaved to much wine (self-control)
- Teachers of good things
- Admonish the young women

Ephesians 4:16

Titus 2:2-4

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Secure Your Heart!

Psalms 92:12-15, *"The righteous shall flourish like the palm-tree: He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. They are planted in the house of Jehovah; they shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be full of sap and green: To show that Jehovah is upright; He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him."*

cf. 2 Peter 1:8-10

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