“How Long Have I to Live?”
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Introduction:
A. Barzillai the Aged chose to trust God rather than David for the disposition of the end of his life - 2Sam. 19:31-39
B. It is a part of God’s design that profound changes come to one’s body, mind and spirit as he ages - Ecc. 12:1-7
C. The prayer of an old man for deliverance - Psalm 71:1-3, 5-9, 17-20
D. How is the love of God manifested in the aging process?
   1. How many precious soldiers of the cross, men and women, have we watched grow tired and incapable of maintaining their posts on the front lines?
E. What Blessings Has God Bestowed On The Aged?
   1. Honor, Wisdom, Strength, Grandchildren, Many Years
F. Bible wisdom on growing old

II. God’s Promise Of A Happy Long Life Is Conditional On Obedience.
   1. Ex. 20:12; Deut. 5:33, 30:20; Psalm 34:12-13; Prov. 3:1-2, 9:10-11, 10:27

III. God Has On Occasion Extended Life In Response To Prayer.
   1. 2Kings 20:1-7; Psalms 21:4; James 5:15

IV. God Said We Should Not Worry About Dying.

   1. Job 7:1; Psalm 31:15, 48:14

VI. God Tells Us Our Time Is Limited.
   1. Psalm 39:4, 90:12; Luke 2:26; 2Tim. 4:6-7; 2Peter 1:14; Job 12:10; Heb. 9:27

VII. A Shorter Life Is Sometimes Better, If It Is God’s Purpose.
   1. Gen. 5:23-24; Phil. 1:21

VIII. Sometimes God Removes The Righteous So He Can Punish The Wicked.
   1. Isa. 57:1-2; 1Kings 14:12-13

IX. The Elderly Serve A Unique And Useful Purpose In The Kingdom.
   1. Psalm 92:14; Ex. 7:7; Joel 2:28; Titus 2:2-3; 1Sam. 12:1-2, 16, 19; Psalm 148:12-13
   2. Luke 2:36-38; 1Tim. 5:5; 2Tim. 1:5

X. A Lifetime Of Experiences Is A Treasure
   1. Psalm 37:25; 2Peter 1:12-15; Philemon 9

XI. Age Alone Does Not Always Make One Wise.
   1. Psalm 119:100; Prov. 16:31
XII. Occasionally The Elderly Can Be Resistant Toward Change.
   1. Ecc. 4:13; 7:10

XIII. Even The Elderly Must Guard Their Relationship With God.
   1. 1Kings 11:4

XIV. The Value Of Life Exceeds Every Possession.
   1. Job 2:4; Matt. 6:25

XV. Our Outlook On Aging Influences How We Feel About Ourselves And Our Usefulness To God.
   1. Old age has its own form of beauty - Prov. 20:29
   2. Old age is described in Scripture as good - Gen. 15:15, 25:8; 1Chron. 29:28

XVI. Growing Old Should Not Be A Source Of Discouragement.
   1. Ecc. 11:10

XVII. Old Age Is Only Temporary.
   1. Job 14:5; Psalm 89:47; Gen. 47:9; 2Sam. 14:14

XIX. Life In This World Is Soon Forgotten.
   1. Psalm 90:9; Isa. 38:18; Ecc. 6:12; James 4:14

XX. Acceptance Of The Brevity Of Life Should Not Make Us Despondent, But Inspire Us To Focus On Eternal And Spiritual Things To Make Each Day Count.
   1. Deut. 32:29; Psalms 90:12-14