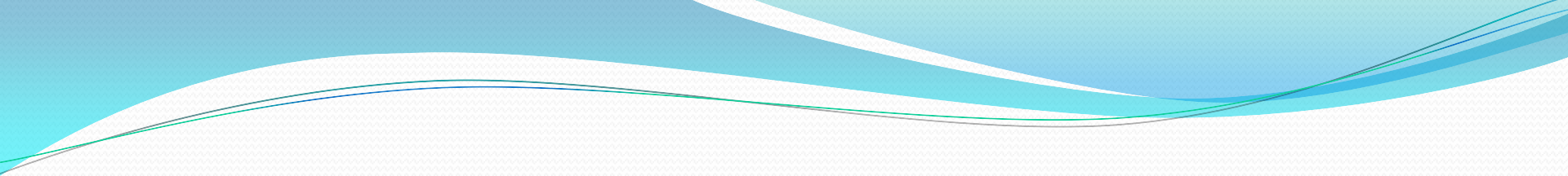


# Getting Old Is Not For Kids!

## Ecclesiastes 12:1-8

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- Everyday we live, we grow one day older
  - Some of us, as we grow older, will do so gracefully, and others, *ungracefully*
  - We all know some older people who are sweet and others that are very “challenging”
  - Growing older day by day is something over which we do not have control, but ***HOW WE ARE GOING TO AGE IS A CHOICE WE CAN MAKE***

# The Bible Says There Will Come a Time When Age Will Take Its Toll!

The Process Of Aging Will Affect All Of Us  
Solomon Discusses, With Elegant Description,  
the Things Which Happen After Youth

*“Remember now thy creator in the days of your youth, Before the difficult days come, And the years draw near when you shall say, “I have no pleasure in them”; While the sun and the light, The moon and the stars are not darkened, And the clouds do not return after the rain;”*

*Ecclesiastes 12:1*

# Solomon Elegantly Describes The Years Of Our Declining Physical Health

- Give God your life before your thinking and comprehension become challenged (your perception of your surroundings is not sharp anymore) verse 2, ***“While the sun and the light, the moon and the stars are not darkened”*** (***“before your vision dims and the world blurs”*** the msg.)
- Give God your life before one medical problem develops after another (***“the clouds do not return after the rain”***); the clouds seem to stay

- Give God your faithfulness before “*the keepers of the house tremble, And the strong men bow down.*”

Verse 3

The head and rest of the body no longer serve you well. The muscles are weaker, shoulders droop, and bones are not as strong, but more stiff and crack easily (shoe structure makes a difference in comfort)

- Give God your faithfulness before “*the grinders cease and are few,*” (*teeth*) and *those that look through the windows (eyes) grow dim;* glaucoma, cataracts  
Or you can't work (grind like you use to, or come and go at will)

- Verse 4, *“When the doors are shut in the streets, And the sound of grinding is low; When one rises up at the sound of a bird, And all the daughters of music are brought low.”*

**Give God your faithfulness before the doors of life’s opportunities close on you (the happy sound of work fades)**

**Give God your faithfulness before sleeping becomes a problem as you age (insomnia)**

**Suffer from “presbycusis”**

**The singing voice that was so vibrant and strong has weakened considerably**

# Verse 5

*Also they are afraid of height,  
And of the terrors in the way;  
When the almond tree blossoms,  
The grasshopper is a burden,  
And desire fails.*

*For man goes to his eternal home.*

*And the mourners go about the streets.”*

- The white hair of an aged man
- The process of aging will affect our fears (heights, steadiness of gait, perhaps dizzy spells, nerves)
- Our lack of physical vigor and vitality is evident
- Your friends will weep for you like they did others before you





# Seniors' Ode to Medication

*“A row of bottles on my shelf caused me to analyze myself.*

*One yellow pill I have to pop, goes to my heart so it won't stop.*

*A little white one that I take, goes to my hands so they won't shake.*

*The purple ones I use a lot, tell me I'm happy when I'm not.*

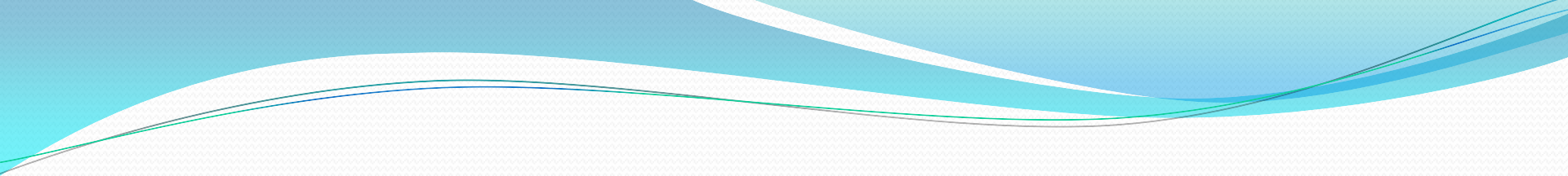


*The blue pill goes to my brain, and tells me that I have no pain.*

*The capsules tell not to wheeze, or cough, or choke, or even sneeze.*

*The red ones, smallest of all, go to my blood so I won't fall.*

*The orange ones, very big and bright, prevent my leg cramps in the night.*



*Such an array of brilliant pills,  
Helping to cure all kinds of ills.  
But what I'd really like to know,  
Is what tells each one where to go!*

# Let Me Hasten To Say This:

**Senior Citizens Are Not To Be Looked Upon  
With Pity From Younger People.**

**Why?**

**Everyone Else Is Right Behind Them, And Some Of  
The Younger May Not Live As Long As The Elderly  
Have Lived!**

# “Remember Thy Creator In The Days Of Thy Youth”

- It will be no “thanks to us” to leave the pleasures of sin once they have left us, or to return to God when need forces us!
- It is absurd and the greatest ingratitude to give the “*cream of our physical years*” to the devil and our “*refuse*” or “*physical leftovers*” to God

# In Closing

- Solomon is driving home the point that youth is too brief, and precious, to be wasted in the foolishness of evil
- He points out that everyone's life will end one day, and that each person should acknowledge God early in life
- Living a “good life” is attained only by reverencing God in it!

# The Plan Of Salvation

Hear the Gospel

Acts 15:7

Believe the Gospel

Acts 15:7

Repent of Sins

Acts 17:30

Confess Christ

Acts 8:37

Be Baptized

Acts 8:38