

Scriptures about the Aged

“A gray head is a crown of glory; it is found in the way of righteousness.” Proverbs 16:31

“You shall rise up before the grayheaded and honor the aged, and you shall revere your God; I am the LORD.” Leviticus 19:32

April Birthdays

3 Amanda Hoffman	12 Donna Hart	23 Shannon Hudson
6 Susan Hudson	16 Alana Hudson	26 Stori Hoffman
11 Dolly Cashion	17 Belva Meanor	30 Aaron McCollum

April Anniversaries

1 Jim & Maureen Nichols 19 Bill & Kena Brown

(Note: if anyone is “missed” here, let Jim know)

Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.
Sunday.....10:45 a.m.
Sunday.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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Good to the Last Drop

By Wade Webster

I don't like the taste of coffee, but the Maxwell House people sure make me wish I did. Anything that's good enough to enjoy to the last drop is worth getting in on.

A life well lived is like that. Some people hang up their spurs in the middle of the rodeo; others go out with their boots on, sitting in the saddle. Some shrivel up on the vine; others save their sweetest fruit for the final picking. Christians should make the most of their days—all of them.

Moses wrote, *“So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom”* (Psalm 90:12).

Some of God's greatest servants did their best work after they were increased in years. Noah built a boat when he was six hundred years; Abraham was 100 and Sarah almost a century old when they put the first diaper on a boy named Isaac; and Moses was eighty when God tapped him to head up the exodus. It is interesting that although Moses made excuses, he never tried to excuse himself because he was too old (Exodus 4:10). Caleb was eighty-five when he asked for permission to push the giants off his mountain (Joshua 14:11–12). Most eighty-five-year-olds want to stay off of mountains, but Caleb wanted to live on one! Granted, Caleb was in good health, which means a lot, but his attitude was as ambitious as a twenty-year old. Anna was a widow of about fourscore and four years when she served God with fastings and prayers night and day in the temple (Luke 2:36–37). Paul was still active though “aged” (Philemon 1:9; cf. 2 Timothy 4:6–8) and gave both “aged” men and women work to do (Titus 2:2–3).

One of the great challenges facing today's church is harnessing the talents and energies of its senior members. The shelving of people in their sixties, seventies, and eighties (including preachers and elders) is a tragedy. In most congregations, brethren over sixty-five comprise the greatest potential work force for Christ. These members have had time to develop their faith and humility; they have (usually) outgrown the need to be noticed; they have wisdom to know how to get a job done without wasting effort and time; they have learned to get along with people.

From a practical perspective, medical advances have added health to their years. Early retirements have become commonplace, and they have been released from oppressive work schedules. There is no longer a ringing alarm, no hectic rush to punch the time clock, and no imposed regimen of activity. They are free to do what they want, when they want. Their children no longer demand the majority of their attention or the bulk of their money. (Though grandchildren need some time!) They can achieve more for Christ in these years than ever before.

Jacob used every drop of his life. He died worshipping God and blessing others (Hebrews 11:21). *"The righteous . . . shall bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing"* (Psalm 92:12-14). No matter how many birthdays lie behind us, it is the time that is ahead that counts.

Two Horses Near My House

Author Unknown

Just up the road from my home is a field, with two horses in it. From a distance, each looks like every other horse. But if one stops the car, or is walking by, he will notice something quite amazing. Looking into the eyes of one horse will disclose that he is blind. His owner has chosen not to have him put down, but has made a good home for him. This alone is amazing.

Listening, one will hear the sound of a bell. Looking around for the source of the sound, one will see that it comes from the smaller horse in the field. Attached to her bridle is a small bell. It lets her blind friend know where she is, so he can follow her.

As one stands and watches these two friends, one sees how she is always checking on him, and that he will listen for her bell and then slowly walk to where she is, trusting that she will not lead him astray.

Like the owners of these two horses, God does not throw us away just because we are not perfect or because we have problems or challenges. He watches over us and even brings others into our lives to help us when we are in need. Sometimes we are the blind horse being guided by God and those whom He places in our lives. Other times we are the guide horse, helping others see God.

The Word of God...

(continued from memoryhelp@memoryverses.org)

The Authority of the Scriptures

We ought never to judge the bible. Instead, it must judge us, our actions and motives. We must consider the Bible to be the supreme truth through which **all** other information we encounter is filtered and tested - not the other way around. No wisdom of man can say something in the scriptures is in error. Science cannot disprove anything in the scriptures. Fallible men with an ever-changing view of science are always quick to re-interpret portions of Scripture to come into conformity with current ideas. This should not be the case. You can count on God's recounting of history and his promises. This includes both his promises of salvation of those in Christ and judgment of those who sin against Him. The work of our lives will be judged by our obedience to what is written in the word of God. Our lives on earth are a mere point, a speck, as compared with what will be an un-ending existence in heaven with God or in Hell without Him. Is the diligent study of Scripture today too high a price to pay to assure that we are living as we ought?

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth. – 2 Timothy 2:15 -