SENIOR CITIZENS IN THE LORD

The Bible does not say at what age we actually become a Senior Citizen. The only sign that we have become a Senior, is by our Gray Hair. If you want to live long enough to become a Senior Citizen, God promises that you may if you keep this Commandment.

Eph 6:2-3 Exod 20:12
2 Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;)
3 That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.

Our ‘Crown’ as Senior Citizens is our Grandchildren. IF we ‘Fear the Lord’ we will live to see our Grandchildren, and God will extend His Righteousness unto them.

Prov 17:6
6 Children's children are the crown of old (Elder) men (and Elder women):…
Ps 128:4 & 6
4 Behold, that thus shall the man (everyone) be blessed that feareth the Lord.
6 Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, and peace upon Israel.
Ps 103:17
17 But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children;

Younger people are to also ‘Fear the Lord’ and to honor and submit to their Elders.

Lev 19:32
32 Thou (younger) shalt rise up before the hoary (Gray) head, and honour the face of the old (Elder) man (and Elder woman), and fear thy God: I am the Lord.
1 Pet 5:5
5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder (Seniors)…. The ‘Beauty’ of Senior Citizens is their Gray Hair, and it will become a ‘Glorious Crown’ IF we walk in Righteousness!

Prov 20:29
29 …and the beauty of old (Elder) men (and Elder women) is the gray head.

Rom 8:28
28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

When we ‘Die’ in the Lord, we know that we are Blessed and we are preserved forever.

Rev 14:13
13 And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.
Ps 37:25
25 I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

Ps 116:15
15 Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

Senior Citizens in the Lord need to be ‘planted’ in the House of the Lord. Those that are ‘planted’ will still bring forth fruit in Old Age and will be Anointed and flourishing.

Ps 92:13-14
13 Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish (blossom) in the courts of our God.
14 They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat (Anointed) and flourishing;

As Senior Citizens in the Lord, we need to ‘Praise the Name of the Lord’!

Ps 148:12-13
12 Both young men, and maidens; old (Elder) men (and Elder women), and children:
13 Let them praise the name of the Lord: for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven.

Senior Citizens in the Lord are to lead ‘exemplifying lives’ so that they may serve as ‘examples’, and to Teach the younger men and women how to live properly.

Titus 2:1-2
1 But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:
2 That the aged (Older) men be sober (abstain from wine), grave (be honest & reverent), temperate (moderate & self-controlled), sound in faith, in charity (love), in patience.

Titus 2:6
6 Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded (sound & right minded).

Titus 2:3-8
3 The aged (Older) women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;
4 That they may teach the young women to be sober (sound minded), to love their husbands, to love their children,
5 To be discreet (self-controlled), chaste (modest), keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.
7 In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity (honesty), sincerity,
8 Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.
Senior Citizens in the Lord should be ‘Leaders’ in the Church. (Numbers 8:25-26)

Acts 14:23  Titus 1:5
23 And when they had ordained them elders (Seniors) in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed.

1 Pet 5:1-2
1 The elders (Seniors) which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder (Senior), and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:
2 Feed (shepherd) the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;

James 5:14
14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders (Seniors) of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:

1 Tim 5:17
17 Let the elders (Seniors) that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.

17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men (and women) shall dream (see visions in) dreams:
18 And on my servants (male bondservants) and on my handmaidens (female bondservants) I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

Acts 21:16
16 There went with us also certain of the disciples of Caesarea, and brought with them one Mnason of Cyprus, an old disciple, with whom we should lodge.

As we grow Older, and are in need of ‘encouragement’, pray this prayer of David.

Ps 71:9
9 Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth.

Ps 71:18
18 Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed thy strength (mighty arm) unto this generation, and thy power (victory) to every one that is to come.

OLDIES BUT GOODIES
As Senior Citizens, you may have heard the expression that we may be ‘Oldies’ but we are also ‘Goodies’! For Senior Citizens in the Lord, this means that even though we may be ‘Oldies’, we are still ‘Goodies’ because we know that even though we may be weak, we are always strong in the Lord.

Ps 28:8
8 The Lord is their strength and he is the saving strength of his anointed (Saints).

2 Cor 12:10
10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

We know that even in Old Age the Lord will ‘carry us’ and will increase our strength.

Isa 46:4
4 And even to your old age I am he; and even to hoar (Gray) hairs will I carry you: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you.

Isa 40:29
29 He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.

If we will ‘wait patiently’ upon the Lord, we will renew our strength, we will rise up with wings as eagles, we will run and not be weary, and we will walk and not faint!

Isa 40:31
31 But they that wait (patiently) upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up (rise up) with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Eph 6:10
10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

AMEN!

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