

The Usefulness of the Elderly

Jeremiah 28

Main idea: To emphasize the wisdom and experience of the elderly, highlight their role in mentoring and passing down knowledge, discuss the importance of honoring and respecting them, address the challenges they face and how we can support them, and provide practical suggestions for involving them in church activities.

Topic: We Need Our Elderly

Suggestions for moving forward with your sermon on the topic of the usefulness of the elderly:

1. Emphasize the wisdom and experience of the elderly:

- Proverbs 16:31: "Gray hair is a crown of glory; it is gained in a righteous life."
- Job 12:12: "Wisdom is with the aged, and understanding in length of days."

2. Highlight the role of the elderly in mentoring and passing down knowledge:

- Titus 2:3-5: Encourage older men and women to teach and guide the younger generation.
- Deuteronomy 32:7: "Remember the days of old; consider the years of many generations; ask your father, and he will show you, your elders, and they will tell you."

3. Discuss the importance of honoring and respecting the elderly:

- Leviticus 19:32: "You shall stand up before the gray head and honor the face of an old man, and you shall fear your God: I am the Lord."
- 1 Timothy 5:1-2: Encourage treating older men as fathers and older women as mothers.

4. Address the challenges faced by the elderly and how we can support them:

- Psalm 71:9: "Do not cast me off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength is spent."
- James 1:27: Encourage caring for widows and orphans in their distress.

5. Provide practical suggestions for involving the elderly in church activities:

- Acts 2:42-47: Highlight the early church's example of fellowship, breaking bread, and prayer as ways to include the elderly.
- Romans 12:13: Encourage hospitality, including inviting elderly members into our homes.

Remember to use language that is accessible to your audience and consider incorporating stories or examples from the lives of biblical characters or historical figures who exemplify the value of the elderly.