

Morning Lesson

OLD AGE: TAKING CARE OR TAKING ADVANTAGE?

Matt. 7:9-12

INTRO:

1. We need to apply the Golden Rule in the way we interact with the elderly.
2. How will I want to be treated when I reach that stage of life?

I. WE WILL WANT OTHERS TO TAKE TIME FOR OUR LONELINESS.

- A. Ann Landers column: It was grandfather's birthday...
- B. It's hard to find time to sit with aged relatives and fellow Christians. **James 1:27; 1 John 3:17, 18**
- C. We are to use our days wisely so can't we give one occasionally to an elderly person? **Eph. 5:15, 16**

II. WE WILL WANT OTHERS TO HAVE PATIENCE WITH OUR INFIRMITIES.

- A. We relate better to Solomon than to Moses as we age. **Deut. 34:7; Eccl. 12:3-5**
- B. We need patience. **2 Pet. 1:6**
- C. Remember **Gal. 6:9,10**.

III. WE WILL WANT OTHERS TO RESPECT OUR THOUGHTS.

- A. Illus.: Mom and crossword puzzles.
- B. Poem from an elderly woman.
- C. Every member of the church is valuable. **1 Cor. 12:14-18; Tit. 2:1-4**
- D. We need to include older members. **Job 12:12; 1 Kings 12:6-13**
- E. Show proper respect. **Lev. 19:32 and Eph. 6:2**.

IV. WE WILL WANT PHYSICAL/FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

- A. We all hope to be able to provide for ourselves all of our lives.
- B. Family has the primary responsibility. **1 Tim. 5:8, 16; Prov. 23:22**

CONC:

1. We will all be old one day.
2. Think about how we would want to be treated and act accordingly.