

## **I. Intro – Denise – Gray hair!**

- A. What color is my hair? – Gray!
- B. Many of us get gray hair as we age
- C. Our bodies also slow down!
- D. What is God’s purpose in this age?

## **II. Late Fall & Early Winter – Later Years**

- A. 60’s and up – time of harvest celebration
- B. Not as physically strong as before (Pr 20:29)
- C. Not required to labor as hard as before - celebration
- D. A new way to be fruitful (Ps 92:14; Pr 20:29)

## **III. The Fruit of Our Later Years**

- A. Long life brings life experience (Ps 78:2-7)
  - 1. Able to share more than knowledge – life!
  - 2. Transmission of faith requires intergenerational work
- B. Long life brings perspective of whole race (2 Tim 4:7)
  - 1. Can only come with time & experience
  - 2. See what changes and what stays the same
  - 3. Keeps younger gen. from distorted view of life

## **C. Long life brings wisdom (Job 12:12)**

- 1. True wisdom (not perfection) develops over years
- 2. This can be shared with younger generations

## **IV. Responding to The Later Years**

### **A. Younger generations – respect, listen, learn**

- 1. God demands we respect our elders (Lev 19:32)
- 2. God expects us to listen and learn from our elders (Pr 23:22)
- 3. Problem: our culture worships youth!
- 4. Problem: our culture has a false notion of “progress” & “evolution”

### **B. Older generation – invest in us!**

- 1. You have an inheritance for us – now! (Pr 13:22)
- 2. Includes grandchildren as well (Pr 13:22)
- 3. Problem: many elderly are put on the shelf
- 4. Problem: many elderly use freedom only to play – not invest

## **V. Conclusion & Summary for Series**

### **A. Do you see the seasons of life?**

- 1. There are different seasons as we move through life
- 2. Different purposes and goals each season

3. Frustration arises if we miss this point

B. Do you see the importance of each season?

1. Enjoy and grow in each season – don't long for other seasons

2. Interact with people in every season

C. The outcome: a rich, fruitful community

### Late Fall and Winter: Our Later Years

Proverbs 20:29

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14 They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green  
Psalm 92:14

2 I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter hidden things, things from  
of old-- 3 what we have heard and known, what our fathers have told us. 4  
We will not hide them from their children; we will tell the next generation  
the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has  
done. 5 He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel,  
which he commanded our forefathers to teach their children, 6 so the next  
generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in  
turn would tell their children. 7 Then they would put their trust in God and  
would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.  
Psalm 78:2-7

7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.  
2 Timothy 4:7

12 Is not wisdom found among the aged? Does not long life bring  
understanding?  
Job 12:12

32 Rise in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere  
your God. I am the LORD.  
Leviticus 19:32

22 Listen to your father, who gave you life, and do not despise your mother  
when she is old.  
Proverbs 23:22

22 A good man leaves an inheritance for his children's children, but a  
sinner's wealth is stored up for the righteous.  
Proverbs 13:22