

*Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.
Psalm 90:12 (NIV)*

VALUES

Live in _____.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Philippians 4:23 (NAS)

Walk in _____.

*Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children.
² Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God.
Ephesians 5:1-2 (NLT)*

STORY

Thank God for the _____.

I thank my God every time I remember you. Philippians 1:2 (NIV)

Remember the _____ is still being _____.

*Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, my God,
till I declare your power to the next generation,
your mighty acts to all who are to come. Psalm 71:18 (NIV)*

Put your hope in the _____.

*As for me, my life has already been poured out as an offering to God.
The time of my death is near. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful. ⁸And now the prize awaits me—the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of his return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to his appearing. II Timothy 4:6-8 (NLT)*

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The Family Not-Forgotten

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I Timothy 5:1-8

You shall rise up before the gray-headed and honor the aged, and you shall revere your God; I am the LORD.

Leviticus 19:32 (NAS)

“Honor your father and mother.” This is the first commandment with a promise: Ephesians 6:2 (NLT)

God’s _____ for family.

God places the lonely in families...Psalm 68:6a (NLT)

Family is designed to provide:

Identity - Security - Nurture - Dignity

Support - Values - Story

Grandchildren are the crowning glory of the aged; parents are the pride of their children. Proverbs 17:6 (NLT)

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! I John 3:1a (NIV)

Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹⁷And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:12, 17 (NIV)

The _____ of growing _____.

Honor and enjoy your Creator while you're still young, Before the years take their toll and your vigor wanes, Before your vision dims and the world blurs And the winter years keep you close to the fire. In old age, your body no longer serves you so well. Muscles slacken, grip weakens, joints stiffen. The shades are pulled down on the world.
Ecclesiastes 12:1-3 (MSG)

Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you.
I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you. Isaiah 46:4 (NIV)

We can make our own plans, but the LORD gives the right answer. ²People may be pure in their own eyes, but the LORD examines their motives. ³Commit your actions to the LORD, and your plans will succeed. ⁹We can make our plans, but the LORD determines our steps.
Proverbs 16:1-3; 9 (NLT)

How do we honor our aging parents?

IDENTITY

_____ who they _____.
I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your works, And my soul knows it very well. Psalm 139:14 (NAS)

SECURITY

Initiate the _____ Conversations.

Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone. Colossians 4:6 (NIV)
(i.e. long-term care, finances, will/living trust, fears/concerns, health, etc.)

Be _____.

*Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully...
Ephesians 4:25a (NIV)*

NURTURE

Be _____.

Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing. I Thessalonians 5:11 (NAS)

Create an environment where you can _____ and/or _____ with each other.

*Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.
Romans 12:15 (NAS)*

_____.
And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Ephesians 6:18 (NIV)

DIGNITY

Let them _____ what they _____.

*Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might...
Ecclesiastes 9:10a (NIV)*

Ask _____ and patiently _____.

*...Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.
James 1:19b (NIV)*

SUPPORT

_____ your desire to _____.

Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them. Ephesians 4:29b (NLT)

Admit your _____.

*So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.
Hebrews 4:16 (NAS)*