

Daily Devotional



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■ day one { who are you? }

How would you describe who you are? Would you say, I'm a housewife, an engineer, a mom or dad? What does your definition of who you are really say about you? Is it really who you are or what you do? We often confuse our vocation with our personhood but who we really are is not determined by what we do. If it is, we can very easily lose our real identity, especially when we get older and are no longer as productive. In light of this, how would you now describe who you are?

■ day two { God's perspective }

What have you stopped doing because you think you are too old? Our society today places priority on youthful energy and ambition and when that is gone, we tend to set people aside. But from God's perspective, only age can generate what is really valuable. Energy without wisdom produces superficial results. Do you know an older Christian from whom you need to seek spiritual wisdom? Today: Make it a point to seek out, call or visit an older Christian. Talk to them. Let them know you appreciate their wisdom and insight.

■ day three { spiritual depth }

What do you consider a good measure of spiritual depth? Is it the position you hold in your church? Is it the person who is constantly busy; always at the church door, the one with the most energy? How do you know the depth of another Christian unless you have spent time with them? Even in our youth-oriented society, serious believers, with age, can be valuable mentors. Today: Read Proverbs 19:20 and consider it the next time you need good, spiritual advice.

■ day four { true value }

What do you feel is your value to younger Christians? Are you sharing your experiences and wisdom gained in your own spiritual journey? Are you a lamp in God's church; an example of faith and obedience – not just for a few years but over the long haul? When you are asked to do something in the church, is your excuse, “Well, I’m too old?” Personally, I hope I never feel that way but I’m only 71. How about you? What can you share?

■ day five { shifting gears }

When do we retire from God’s work? Have you found yourself saying, “I’ve put in my time, let someone else do it”? Well, I have news for you. There is no retirement plan in God’s work. When we can’t do what we used to do, we just shift gears and find something else we can do! Do you need to shift gears or are you just stuck in neutral? Don’t know what to do? Ask God to show you what you can do. Then ask Pastor David. I’ll bet he knows.

■ a word from the writers

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