

Sermon-Based Discussion

Growing Older: Better with Age #6

What's Your Investment Strategy?

Text: Deuteronomy 6

INTRODUCTION

The elderly in America today are often treated as if they have nothing left to offer. It is not just the young folks to blame for this lack of veneration. Older people for the most part look forward to the day they can retire and withdraw to a life of leisure. But that is not how God has designed life, as evidenced by how, as NY Times columnist David Brooks notes, “seniors who perform service for the young have more positive lives and better marriages than those who don’t.” In this Bible study we will look into how God wants the older generation to invest in the younger generation.

OPENING QUESTION

1. Have you ever been mentored by someone older than you or have you ever mentored someone younger than you? What was that experience like?

INTO THE BIBLE

READ Deuteronomy 6

The generation of slaves has died in the wilderness and the next generation of Israelites is just about to enter the Promised Land. But before they do, God commands Moses to speak these words to them.

2. What is the central command God gives to the Israelites? What does it mean?
3. How is the older generation to invest in the younger generation?

4. Reading this passage, what can you learn about God?

5. Why is it the job of the older generation to teach the younger generation to fear God? (vv 20-25)

GOING DEEPER (Sharing / Application)

6. What age do you have to be to be able to invest in the generations after you? Are there better criteria than age?

7. Can you think of any investing opportunities you can get involved in? What are some possible steps you can take to get started in them? If you are already investing in the lives of people younger than you, what steps can you take to be even more effective in what you are doing?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. (Deuteronomy 6:4-9)