

Sermon Outline

AGEING IN VIEW OF ETERNITY | Bernie Leo

Bible Readings: Ecclesiastes 12:1-8 & 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

1. Elders of an intergenerational family

2. Challenges of ageing

- a. Loneliness
- b. Physical & mental health decline
- c. Loss of productivity
- e. Being a burden

3. God's shepherding through ageing

- a. The present God

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— the Spirit of truth. (John 14:16-17a)

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God. (Romans 8:26-27)

- b. Resurrection body

"But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you." (Romans 8:10-11)

"Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all" (2 Corinthians 4:16-17)

c. Passing on of wisdom

The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God. They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green, proclaiming, "The Lord is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him." (Psalm 92:12-15)

"Is not wisdom found among the aged? Does not long life bring understanding? "To God belong wisdom and power; counsel and understanding are his." (Job 12:12-13)

"Gray hair is a crown of splendour; it is attained in the way of righteousness." (Proverbs 16:31)

d. Love of church family

"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." (1 John 3:16-18)

4. To the elderly

a. Encouragements

b. Exhortations

5. To our church family

a. Encouragements

b. Exhortations