

GOD'S FRIEND FINISHING WELL

Genesis 25:1-11

I. INTRODUCTION:

- A. Shifting mindsets linked to your age:
 - 1.
 - 2.
- B. Mindsets that make your aging miserable to others:
- C. The immense value of being a "senior citizen":
 - 1. Time:
 - 2. Resources:
 - 3. Wisdom:
 - 4. Energy: (See back)

"Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty." Henry Ford

II. "I HAVE FINISHED MY COURSE, I HAVE KEPT THE FAITH": (See II Tim. 4:6-8)

- A. Starting over with a new family: v. 1
 - 1.
 - 2.
- B. Energizing his life with children: v. 2
 - 1.
 - 2.
- C. Always prioritizing his Friend over grandchildren: vv. 3-4
 - 1.
 - 2.
- D. Directing his inheritance purposely: vv. 5-6
 - 1.
 - 2.
- E. Finishing his race with faithfulness: vv. 7-11 (Heb. 11:8, 13-16; II Tim. 4:6-8)
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.

III. PRINCIPLES TO PERSONALLY APPLY:

(Together becoming "people of the Word" in principle AND in practice)

- A.
- B.
- C.

"I am still in the land of the dying; I shall be in the land of the living soon." John Newton

“Advice to the Bored Young Man”

Newsweek Article on February 13, 1967

Richard Kerr

Died age 20, buried age 60, the sad epitaph of too many Americans. Mummification sets in at a too early age when they should be ripping the world-wide open. For example, many people are reading this page with aid of bi-focals, inventor Ben Franklin, age 79. The presses that printed this page are powered by electricity. One of the first harnesses of electricity, Ben Franklin, age 40. Some of you are reading this on the campus of one of the Ivy League Universities. Founder, Ben Franklin, age 45. Others are in a library, and who founded the first one? Ben Franklin, age 25. Now think fire. Who started the first fire department? Who invented the lightening rod? Designed a heating stove still in existence today? Ben Franklin, ages 31, 43, and 36. Wit, conversationalist, economist, philosopher, diplomat, printer, publisher, linguist (he spoke and wrote in five languages), advocator of paratroopers from balloons, a century before the airplane was invented. All this until the age of 84 when he died. He had exactly two years of formal schooling. It is a sure bet you have already more education and knowledge than Franklin did at your age. Perhaps you think there is no use in trying to think of anything new. That everything has been done. Wrong! The simple agrarian American of Franklin's day didn't begin to need the answers we need today. Go and do something about it.

Tear out the article and read it on your 84th birthday. Ask yourself, how does it compare with your life? (*reprint Derrick G. Jeter*)