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## Growing old

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Are we just "growing old" and adding more months and years to our spiritual life and time is steadily passing by or is there more in our spiritual life?



<sup>28</sup> Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

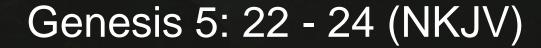
#### Genesis 1: 18 (NKJV)

# <sup>5</sup> So all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years; and he died.

#### Genesis 5: 4 (NKJV)



<sup>22</sup> After he begot Methuselah, Enoch walked with God three hundred years, and had sons and daughters.
<sup>23</sup> So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years.
<sup>24</sup> And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.





<sup>18</sup> But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall go into the ark—you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you.

#### Genesis 6: 18 (NKJV)

# <sup>29</sup> So all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years; and he died.

#### Genesis 9: 29 (NKJV)



<sup>3</sup> And the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years."

#### Genesis 6: 3 (NKJV)



<sup>1</sup> Now the LORD had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup> I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing.

Genesis 12: 1 - 2 (NKJV)

<sup>7</sup> This is the sum of the years of Abraham's life which he lived: one hundred and seventy-five years.





<sup>10</sup> Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt."

#### Exodus 3: 10 (NKJV)



<sup>7</sup> Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died.

#### Deuteronomy 34: 7 (NKJV)



<sup>14</sup> But now your kingdom shall not continue. The LORD has sought for Himself a man after His own heart, and the LORD has commanded him to be commander over His people, because you have not kept what the Lord commanded you."

#### 1 Samuel 13: 14 (NKJV)



<sup>10</sup> So David rested with his fathers, and was buried in the City of David. <sup>11</sup> The period that David reigned over Israel was forty years; seven years he reigned in Hebron, and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty-three years.

#### 1 Kings 2: 10 - 11 (NKJV)



<sup>10</sup> The days of our lives are seventy years;
And if by reason of strength they are eighty years,
Yet their boast is only labor and sorrow;
For it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

#### Psalm 90: 10 (NKJV)



### <sup>23</sup> Now Jesus Himself began His ministry at about thirty years of age,

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#### Luke 3: 23a (NKJV)

<sup>17</sup> And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

#### Matthew 3: 17 (NKJV)

<sup>15</sup> But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel.

#### Acts 9: 15 (NKJV)

<sup>11</sup> But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. <sup>12</sup> For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days.

Galatians 1: 11 – 12 & 18 (NKJV)

We have to be careful that we:

- are getting used to something in our spiritual life and then fall in patterns.

 are growing old and get stuck in the established ways known to us.

- are not seeking God's face.

- are missing by not being open to God's calling and guidance and to His plan for our lives.



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### Yes, there is more in our spiritual life!



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We are here in this time period.
 We have a certain time span.
 We have a certain calling.



<sup>10</sup> For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

#### Ephesians 2: 10 (NKJV)



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## SEE YOU NEXT TIME!

