



"And this is the commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also." 1 John 4: 21

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Heart to Heart...

Winter is coming! I don't mean the season as in nature but the winter of life. I see winter coming in my life. Many of you do also. It seems that not long ago we were strong, vibrant and enjoying so much in our lives. But things are drastically changing. As I look back over the many years, it makes me pause to wonder, what have I really gained in life? Have I learned the importance of life itself? The younger don't seem to think about this so much as they are busy with families, events while moving quickly from one thing to another. What are we gaining?

Here is something to help everyone. As we age, we need to age wisely. ***"Listen, my son, and be wise, and direct your heart in the way."*** (Proverbs 23:19) This should be the prayer of all those heading into winter and raising their families!

God calls us to grow in age righteously. ***"A grey head is a crown of glory; it is found in the way of righteousness."*** (Proverbs 16:31) We need to be concerned with God's righteousness when we raise our children for, they too will be heading to winter one day!

We need to grow old and find ourselves trusting God more than ever. God instructs His people: ***"Even to your old age I will be the same, and even to your graying I will bear you!"*** We must continually grow in our faith and teach our children to trust Him in all things in their lives. Our lives must demonstrate that to our children. When winter comes, there you will see all you have presented in your life before God.

Finally, love the Lord God and His Son in your younger years because life will become more difficult with age. ***"Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near when you will say, 'I have no delight in them'; before the sun and the light, the moon and the stars are darkened, and cloud return after the rain; in the day that the watchmen of the house tremble, and mighty men stoop, the grinding ones stand idle because they are few, and those who look through windows grow dim."*** (Ecclesiastes 12:1-3)

Winter is coming and coming fast. How we grow old is far more important than how old we grow. When winter comes for you, what will you see as gain? You better THINK ABOUT IT!!!

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