

Older Adult Ministry Resources

Even in old age they will still produce fruit; they will remain vital and green. Psalm 92:14



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Aging does not put a cap on ministry opportunities.
The value of aging in the Christian Community means contributing more from much experience and enjoying years of blossoming ministry.

Here are some resources on aging made available to you by your Media Center.

(D4335) New Beginnings, The Gift of Aging



This DVD shows creative ministries involving older adults. Mission opportunities, teaching, service abound in the stories told on this film. Individual short stories of older adults and the role their faith plays in their churches and communities. Among the several short stories explored in this 20-minute film are vignettes including feeding the homeless, tutoring children, visiting the homebound and career transitions. Let New Beginnings spark creative ideas for your church's ministries with older adults!

(D4497) Living Fully, Dying Well

Our best decisions about life's important events are seldom

made in a time of crisis. Living Fully and Dying Well is a resource designed to assist us in making careful, wise and prayerful preparation for meeting life's most important moments. In

this study, participants will learn how to face openly and unafraid the benefits and limitations of aging and end of life decisions. This companion DVD offers eight video segments, 8-12 minutes in length, as well as downloadable helps and two additional study sessions for adults and teens.



1. Living Fully (8:10)

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- 2. Theology of Aging (10:36)
- 3. Our Culture's View of Aging (7:54)
- 4. Finding Purpose and Meaning in Life (8:12)
- 5. Getting it All Together (9:12)
- 6. Dying Well (11:35)
- 7. What Happens When We Die? (10:20)
- 8. How Then Shall We Live? (22:00)

(V2597) Late Frost, Reflections on Aging

The late Gehard Frost, poet and theologian, takes the viewer on an inspiring exploration of some of the concerns and issues of aging. Interspersed in this video are interviews of children and aging men and women. There are ten segments approximately 5-minutes each: Change, Remembering, Forgetting, Seeing More Clearly, Living Until We Die, Worth, Going On, Dusk, Dawn. Includes guide.

(D4751) Reinventing Aging

This study's lofty goal is nothing less than to revolutionize the way we see and respond to

aging in our families, churches and our own lives. The writers and presenters share stories and advice that bring growth, meaning and understanding to the process of growing older. The issues range from bodily changes to financial decisions to preparing for death to rediscovering purpose in life.

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(V3760) Elders Through the Eyes of Children

Grandchildren talk candidly about their relationship with their grandparents. They share how the wisdom and nurturing from their elder adults help shape their character.

(V3316) Portraits of Age

Six vignettes of older persons around the world illustrate the gifts of older adults as well as concerns related to the themes of independence, care, self-fulfillment and dignity.

