

“Never Too Young...Never Too Old”

Scripture: Joash was seven years old when he became king, and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Zibiah from Beersheba. Joash did what was right in the sight of the Lord all the days of Jehoiada the priest.

II Chr. 24:1-2

Have you ever heard someone say to you or someone else “you are too young too...?” I know I have. Some people believe you have to reach a certain age to do certain things. Ages are a driving force in our world. You must be a certain age to graduate. Must be a certain age to start driving. Must be a certain age to play on a certain team in school. The list is endless. However, one thing you can take satisfaction in is God doesn't see age as a problem. In fact, God's word states that age is just a number. Joash, in *II Chr. 24*, was anointed king over all Israel and he was just SEVEN YEARS OLD. That is the equivalent of a seven-year-old becoming President of the United States (God help us LOL)! What kinds of rules would a seven-year-old make? Maybe laws such as no bed time, no homework, unlimited TV and video game times throughout the day, required daily naps (which I would be in favor of), candy before dinner, ice cream for breakfast, etc. There are endless lists of possibilities. Though a seven-year-old was made king, he needed older, wiser people to guide him in making decisions. They knew when Joash would reach an adult he would regret the stupid laws he made when he thought like a kid. The apostle Paul tells us in *I Cor. 13* that when one becomes an adult, they are to put away childish things. Paul also reminds Timothy and Titus that the younger generation needs the older generation to teach them. Joash has Jehoida the priest (his pastor) as his mentor. He helped keep Joash grounded and focused on the Lord. You are never too young to be used by God, have a relationship with God, or do stuff for God. In fact, you may skip some grades and graduate early. You may get promoted to playing on the “older” kids sports teams cause you are good. Whatever the case may be you must remember, no matter how old you get, you need mentors, pastors, leaders, etc., whom are older & often wiser, to help guide you. Always remember, you are never too young to be used or accomplish something great, but you are never too old to be taught, learn, listen, and be guided!

Prayer: Father, thank you for placing older, wiser people in my life to show me the right pathway to take. Thank you that age is just a number to you. Help me to remember I am never too young to be used by you, but I have never too old to be taught. In Jesus Name, Amen!

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