

15 Death and old age

There is absolutely nothing to be said in favour of growing old. There ought to be legislation against it. (Patrick Moore)

Will you still need me, will you still feed me, when I'm sixty-four? (Lennon and McCartney)

After Sunday School, my granddaughter asked me 'Granddad, were you in the ark?' 'Of course not, I replied.' 'Then why weren't you drowned?' (James Potter)



What are old people like?

What do your friends at school or college think of old people? How are they portrayed on television? Think of some examples.



What is God's attitude to old people?

Leviticus 19:32

Proverbs 20:29

Psalms 68:5-6

Isaiah 1:17

Acts 6:1-6

2 Kings 2:23-25

John 19:26-27

Exodus 20:12

Lamentations 5:12

1 Timothy 5:1-2

Genesis 47:7-10



What can we learn from old people?

Proverbs 23:22

1 Kings 12:1-17

Proverbs 16: 31

Job 32:4



Problems

When dealing with old people, what problems can you foresee in trying to put Bible attitudes into practice. How could you solve these?



What can you actually do?

Practically



Spiritually

Does the way we live affect how we are when we are old? How?

Euthanasia?

Some people think that we should be able to end our own lives if we are very ill. What does the Bible say? What do you think?

