

Family 1st



Sunday Morning Series

Valuing Your Elders

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Introduction: We are living in an age when the Christian home is under attack. We are bombarded from every side and it is taking its toll on faithful Christians. We need to put the family first! In this specific lesson we will focus on valuing our elders. We need to value our parents, our grandparents, aunts, uncles, and all other older people. The Bible has a lot to say about our treatment of the elderly. Paul spent nearly an entire chapter on it (**I Timothy 5:1-10**). Let's study together...

Discussion:

I. Elderly People Deserve Respect

- A. The precedent of the patriarchs (**Genesis 48:12, Job 32:4-6**).
- B. The promise of the fifth commandment (**Exodus 20:12, Ephesians 6:1-4**).
- C. The problem of immaturity (**I Kings 12:1-16, Proverbs 23:22**).

II. Elderly People Deserve Honor

- A. Give your seat to the elderly (**Leviticus 19:32, Proverbs 16:31**).
- B. Give your substance to the elderly (**I Timothy 5:8, Ruth 2**).
- C. Give your service to the elderly (**I Peter 5:5, James 1:27**).

III. Elderly People Deserve Praise

- A. Elderly Christians can offer wisdom (**Job 12:12, 32:7, I Timothy 5:5-10**).
- B. Elderly Christians can offer stability (**Isaiah 46:4, Psalm 71:8-9, 17-18**).
- C. Elderly Christians can offer instruction (**II Timothy 1:5, Titus 1:9, 2:3**).

Conclusion: We need to be careful not to subscribe to “ageism” in society. With arguments about euthanasia in the minds of the world, we need to remind them that God loves the aged! Consider the Golden rule (**Matthew 7:12**). How do you want people to treat you when you get older? Where are you in your Christian walk? Where is your family headed? How are things within your spiritual family? How is your relationship with the Heavenly Father? If you are not living as a faithful and godly family... PLEASE repent and set your house in order. Do you need prayers for any other thing going on in your life? The family of God is here to pray for you!