

As we bring this collection to a close, it is important to focus on the words of wisdom the elderly have to offer society. Thus, just because they are in the winter season of life and now are in need of assistance with their physical bodies, does not mean an inability to solve problems follows suit.

At this point on their earthly journey, they are focused on the present and are not encumbered by the hardships society inflicts on those living in the world at large. Therefore, when asked an opinion on an event or situation, their thinking is razor sharp; so much that it is startling.

Consequently, since many of you that are reading this collection are still functioning in the outside community, the writer wanted to close by offering to you wisdom from the elderly that you will want to pass on from generation to generation; thoughts that will be more valuable than gold for your entire family unit.

QUESTION: "WHAT WORDS OF WISDOM WOULD YOU LIKE TO PASS ON TO BOTH ADULTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE?"



"Always remember to forgive others even if you are the one that has been wronged. It is hard, but very necessary for a peaceful life."



"Always remember to look to the Lord for your guidance and he will never fail you."



"Never let anyone díscourage you from achíevíng your dreams; no matter your age. You can do ít!"



"I am not afraid of death because Jesus has it covered for me. I just don't look forward to the process itself."



"There is no use to complain because it won't change anything."



"As long as you have breath, God has purpose for your lífe."



"At my age, I don't thínk about the past, I just keep movíng forward."



"Always be kínd to líttle chíldren; for they are þrecíous."



"Always cherísh your fríends."



"Be honest and work hard!"

"Don't be afraid of adventure and life will be more rewarding."





"Having a positive outlook on life makes things a lot better for you."



"Remember to read to older people líke us. We love to hear your voíce."



"There is nothing like being hugged and touched by younger people."



"Even though we graduated in 1939, we still have the same spirit and enjoy leading the parade of life. Just give us a chance!"



"People don't go to nursing homes to die. They go there to live."

Payton Smyer, a minister for over 50 years, and the writer's father delivers these final words of wisdom by stating: "THE ONLY THING <mark>ΥΟU ΤΑΚΕ WITH ΥΟU</mark> WHEN YOU EXIT THIS WORLD IS WHAT YOU LEAVE BEHIND; A PATH FOR OTHERS TO FOLLOW PAVED WITH MERCY, LOVE, AND GRACE; TRULY THE **REFLECTION OF JESUS**"