



Faith and Love C.O.G.I.C
Bible Band

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WISDOM OF OLDER MEN AND
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Background Reading:

- ❖ Zechariah 8:1-8
- ❖ Proverbs 17:6; 20:29
- ❖ Joel 2:28
- ❖ 1 Corinthians 2:1-16
- ❖ 1 Timothy 5:1
- ❖ Titus 2:1-8

Devotional Reading:

- ❖ 2 Chronicles 10:6-15

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Zechariah 8:1 Again the word of the Lord of hosts came to me, saying,

2 Thus saith the Lord of hosts; I was jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I was jealous for her with great fury.

3 Thus saith the Lord; I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth; and the mountain of the Lord of hosts the holy mountain.

4 Thus saith the Lord of hosts; There shall yet old men and old women dwell in the streets of Jerusalem, and every man with his staff in his hand for very age.

5 And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof.

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6 Thus saith the Lord of hosts; If it be marvellous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, should it also be marvellous in mine eyes? saith the Lord of hosts.

7 Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Behold, I will save my people from the east country, and from the west country;

8 And I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness.

Proverbs 17:6 Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers.

Proverbs 20:29 The glory of young men is their strength: and the beauty of old men is the grey head.

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Joel 2:28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

1 Corinthians 2:1 And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God.

2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

3 And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling.

4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:

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- 5** That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.
- 6** Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought:
- 7** But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:
- 8** Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.
- 9** But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

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- 10** But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.
- 11** For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.
- 12** Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.
- 13** Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.
- 14** But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

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15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.

16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? but we have the mind of Christ.

1 Timothy 5:1 Rebuke not an elder, but intreat him as a father; and the younger men as brethren;

Titus 2:1 But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:

2 That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.

3 The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;

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- 4** That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,
- 5** To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.
- 6** Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded.
- 7** In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,
- 8** Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.

Devotional Reading

2 Chronicles 10:6-15

6 And king Rehoboam took counsel with the old men that had stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, saying, What counsel give ye me to return answer to this people?

7 And they spake unto him, saying, If thou be kind to this people, and please them, and speak good words to them, they will be thy servants for ever.

8 But he forsook the counsel which the old men gave him, and took counsel with the young men that were brought up with him, that stood before him.

9 And he said unto them, What advice give ye that we may return answer to this people, which have spoken to me, saying, Ease somewhat the yoke that thy father did put upon us?

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10 And the young men that were brought up with him spake unto him, saying, Thus shalt thou answer the people that spake unto thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou it somewhat lighter for us; thus shalt thou say unto them, My little finger shall be thicker than my father's loins.

11 For whereas my father put a heavy yoke upon you, I will put more to your yoke: my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

12 So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam on the third day, as the king bade, saying, Come again to me on the third day.

13 And the king answered them roughly; and king Rehoboam forsook the counsel of the old men,

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14 And answered them after the advice of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add thereto: my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

15 So the king hearkened not unto the people: for the cause was of God, that the Lord might perform his word, which he spake by the hand of Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

Central Verse

Job 32:7

“I said, Days should speak, and multitude of years should teach wisdom.”

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INTRODUCTION

Wisdom is very necessary in the lives of God's people. Wisdom is the quality of having experience, knowledge, and good judgment: it's the quality of being wise, according to the dictionary. Wisdom means that a person has the ability to interpret and understand knowledge. That person can discern inner qualities and relationships. Wisdom is a divine gift that God offers to those who ask him for it. The Word of the Lord tells the believer that if he has no wisdom, ask God for it, and he will give it to him (James 1:5). God will give the believer wisdom, insight, and direction for any season of his life. He is the one who directs the steps of Godly men and women. Wisdom doesn't come by wishing or hoping; it comes by asking God for it.

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In today's world, we have all kinds of information at our fingertips, but sometimes, believers lack the wisdom to make good decisions and choices and miss out on the guidance that God wants to give them. The fear, respect, honor, and reverence of the Lord are the beginning and the starting point of wisdom. When a believer respects, submits and honors God, he will begin to reflect God's heart and character. Only the believer can allow wisdom to fill and lead his heart.

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The life of the Lord Jesus is full of depth, wisdom, authority, love, mercy, and life examples for anyone who really wants to know, follow, love, and obey God. Jesus's teaching transcends times and cultures. Youth and experiences don't go hand in hand; it takes time, experience, and God to bring wisdom into a believer's life. So, young people should seek the wisdom of older, godly men and women when making plans or decisions or when they have questions. Young people can't get wisdom from just anyone; they must be Godly men and women.

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DISCUSSION

God has several examples in His Word where younger people needed the wisdom of older men and women. In 2 Chronicles 10, the story of King Rehoboam was told. His father had been rough on the people and ruled them with a tight rein, but Jeroboam, one of the leaders of that time, went to him and asked him if he could lighten up some because his yoke was very heavy. He let them know that after three days, they could return, and he would have an answer for them.

DISCUSSION

King Rehoboam went and talked to the older men that had stood with his father, Solomon, and asked them for their wisdom and council concerning this request. They told him that he should be kind to the people, please them, and speak good words to them, and they would be his servants forever. But he did not accept the council of the old men. He took counsel with the young men who were brought up with him. Just as he had asked the older men, he asked the younger men, who told him to tell them that his fingers shall be thicker than his father's loins. He said that his father put a heavy yoke upon them and that he will put more to their yoke: he said that his father chastised them with whips but that he would chastise them with scorpions.

DISCUSSION

So, the next day, Rehoboam answered them roughly when he forsook the council of the old men but took the council of the young men, which caused the House of Israel to rebel against the House of David. If only he had listened to the wisdom of the older men, who had more experience and knew how to deal with life and its issues.

God has older, Godly men and women in His body here on earth for a purpose. It's to the younger believers' advantage to receive and accept the wisdom of the Church's fathers and mothers. Solomon said that the glory of young men was their strength, but the beauty of the old men was their grey head.

DISCUSSION

During Job's sickness, he was able to share with his visitors that wisdom comes through age. He let them know that with the ancient is wisdom and understanding. Old age is a time when men and women can remember and recall events, and they have time to dream dreams.

In the New Testament, the Apostle Paul instructed the church in the Book of Titus that the aged men should teach the younger men many life lessons, as well as the aged women should teach the younger women. He was very specific in what he needed them to teach. They needed to observe things in many areas of life. If they listened to the Seniors, their lives would be so much more enriched.

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CONCLUSION

The wisdom of the Seniors will help younger believers have a more structured life, better personal relationships, better financial stability, and a much better well-rounded life.

Psalm 92 tells the believers that the senior citizens who are Godly shall bring forth fruit in their old age, and they will yet be fat and flourishing.

CONCLUSION

The leaders of our Church of God in Christ were so wise, and they understood the value of the wisdom of the older men and women. They set up Bands, Auxiliaries, Units, and Councils where the older men and women could mentor the younger ones. They didn't call it mentoring, but that's what it was. They taught boys and girls in the Sunshine Band and Purity Class, the young women were taught in the Young Women's Christian Council, and the young ministers in The Bible Band and the Elder's Council. They taught everybody in the Young People's Willing Workers (YPWW) and Sunday School. They emphasized that as soon as you became a part of the Church, you automatically belonged to every agency of the Church.

ESSENTIAL THOUGHT

**Experience is a wonderful teacher,
but why pay for something that you
can get free?**

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