

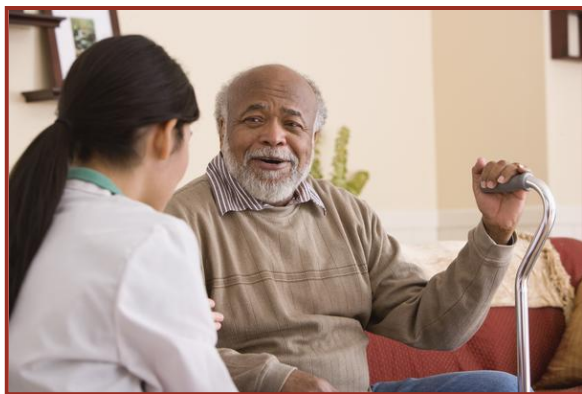
Home Before Dark

Wouldn't it be nice if the power of temptation diminished as we grow older? Yes, but there is no security in age.

Consider King David of the Bible. He was 50 when he fell into sin with Bathsheba. In that culture, 50 was older than it is now, for life expectancy was much shorter. The hot blood of youth was no longer flowing through David's veins, but he fell into sin anyway.

Midlife and old age have their own sets of temptations, and we must never let down our guard. It is true that we should grow wiser and stronger as we age. Likewise, we should grow in grace. But don't think you'll ever be immune from temptation in this life, whatever your number of years upon this earth.

J. Oswald Sanders, general director of the China Inland Mission and author of more than 40 books on the Christian life, said:



“Nothing is easier for the aging person who is growing increasingly infirm and experiencing some depression as a result than to turn inward and become self-occupied. That attitude of mind only exacerbates the problem. It is when with firm purpose we turn away from our own grief, aches, and ailments, and busy ourselves to relieve those of others, that we will obtain relief from our own.”

The advice here is service, something our associates do very well. They are good at helping relieve the “grief, aches, and ailments” of our residents.

And in the process, they find relief from their own.

God truly has a remarkable way of addressing the needs that we have.

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end (Psalm 119:33).

– Beecher Hunter