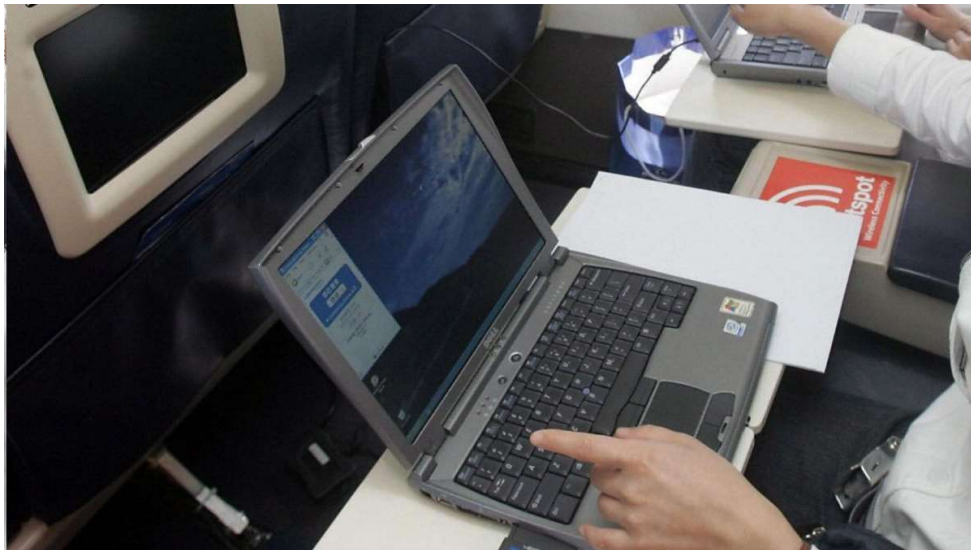


Then I remembered Psalm 71, the psalm for folks “my age” and beyond. It reminds us of the value of a life well lived and of the worth of lessons learned: Lessons are not just for our benefit but also for us to pass along to the next generations. The psalmist wrote, “*When I am old and grey headed, O God, do not forsake me, until I declare Your strength to this generation, Your power to everyone who is to come*” (v.18).

So, maybe being “someone my age” isn’t such a bad gig. It is the privilege of “veteran” Christ-followers to declare the strength and power of God to the younger generations. That’s how we can truly be inspirational to them. —Bill Crowder

*The older saints who trust God’s Word  
Have trod where younger ones now walk;  
They’ve fought the battles they will fight—  
Their wisdom teaches truth and right.* —Branon

**The best gift for the younger generation is a good example from the older generation.**



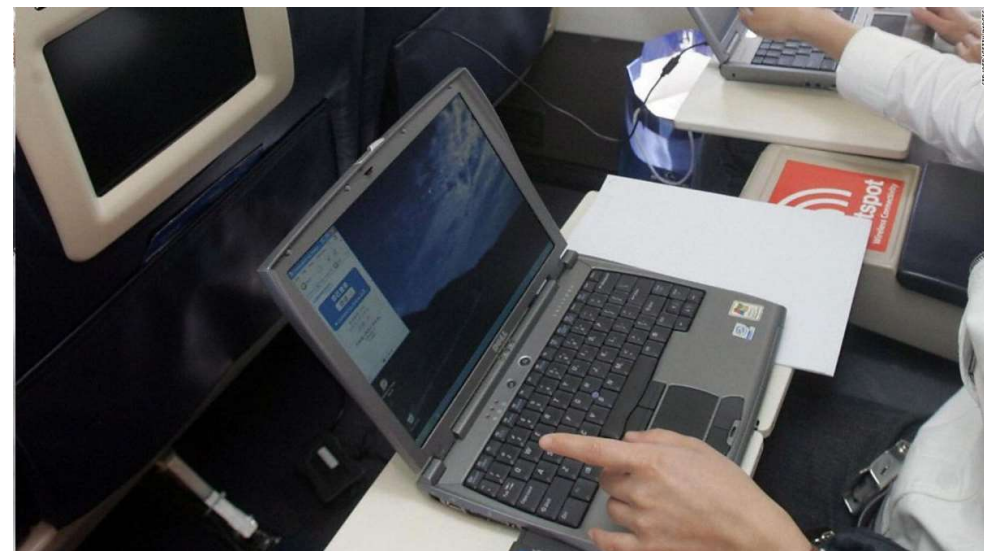
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### A Man My Age

*When I am old and grayheaded, O God, do not forsake me, until I declare Your strength to this generation.* —Psalm 71:18

On a recent flight, I got ready to do some work. Spread out on my tray were my laptop computer, backup hard drive, iPod, and other gadgets that are part of being a 21st-century “road warrior.” As I worked, a young man seated beside me asked if he could make a comment. He told me how inspirational it was for him, a young man, to see someone my age so enthusiastically embracing modern technology. In spite of his intention to compliment me, I suddenly felt about 120 years old. *What did he mean by “someone my age?”*? I wondered. After all, I was “only” 57.





# Church Restoration

## What am I to be? (I)

In Titus 2 Paul describes 6 different roles:  
(only the first two today)

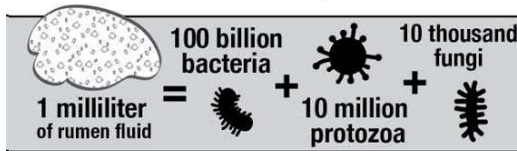
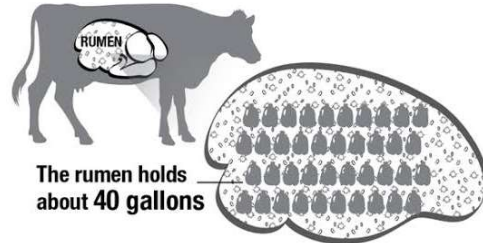
**1. Older** \_\_\_\_\_, verses 1-2, 3, 4, 6, 15, 1:8

**(Titus 2:15)** *You must teach these things and encourage your people to do them, correcting them when necessary. You have the authority to do this, so don't let anyone ignore you or disregard what you say. [paraphrase]*

**(1 Timothy 5:9)** *"Do not let a widow under sixty years old be taken into the number, ..."*

**(Philemon 1:9)** *".. I ..appeal to you; being such a one as Paul, the aged, ..."*

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**(Job 12:12)** *"Wisdom is with aged men, And with length of days, understanding."*

**(Leviticus 19:32)** *"You shall rise before the grey headed and honour the presence of an old man, and fear your God: I am the LORD."*

**(1 Timothy 5:1)** *"Do not rebuke an older man, but exhort him as a father, ..."*

**2. Older** \_\_\_\_\_, verses 3-5

- ◆ \_\_\_\_\_ in behaviour, verse 3
- ◆ Not \_\_\_\_\_, verse 3
- ◆ Not given to much \_\_\_\_\_, verse 3
- ◆ Teaching \_\_\_\_\_, verses 3-5

**(Psalms 128:6)** *"Yes, may you see your children's children. ...!"*

**(Psalms 45:17)** *"I will make Your name to be remembered in all generations; ..."*

**(Psalms 71:18)** *"Now also when I am old and grey headed, O God, do not forsake me, Until I declare Your strength to this generation, Your power to everyone who is to come."*

**(Psalms 78:6)** *"That the generation to come might know them, The children who would be born, That they may arise and declare them to their children,"*

