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## **The Reach**

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#### **Finding Purpose in Retirement: Making the Most of Your Senior Years**

Nowhere in the Bible does it tell us that we should no longer work and it does not mean that you should continue working until you die. Retirement is not a biblical concept but a cultural concept.

**I. A few questions that need to be looked at and discussed.**

- a. When will I retire?
- b. What does God want me to do when I retire?
- c. Where will I live in retirement?
- d. How will I spend my time after retirement?
- e. How will I keep healthy after retirement?
- f. What will I do to keep my mind alert and active?
- g. How much money and financial resources do I have?
- h. What financial need will I have in retirement?
- i. Do I have enough insurance?
- j. Is my will completed and up to date?
- k. Specifically, what can I do now to prepare for retirement?

Discussion of questions like these prevents some future problems.

**II. The Bible clearly respects the aged, and followers of Christ are expected to do likewise.**

- a. What are personal problems that must be solved before getting worse?
- b. What are some physical and material needs?
- c. Where am I spiritually, and how do I get counsel on specific areas of my life?

#### **Things that are essential and indispensable in your Spiritual**

Salvation is needed no matter what age. The Bible teaches that there is only one God. The Bible also clearly distinguishes between three persons of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, known as the Trinity.

The Holy Spirit is our Comforter (John 14:26 ) and the Restrainer (Romans 8:4-8).

**III. I must be saved to secure my eternal life.**

- a. Ephesians 4:30 we are sealed for the day of redemption.

**IV. When a person accepts Christ as Savior**

- a. The Holy Spirit comes into their life permanently. The Holy Spirit indwells for the purpose of glorifying Christ, but the indwelling alone does not guarantee that Christ will be glorified by the believer's life, so Christians are commanded to be habitually filled with the Holy Spirit.

- a. Living in the power of the Holy Spirit is essential, and we never spiritually outgrow our dependency on the Holy Spirit. We should become more mature in our faith and more intimate in our relationship with God as we grow older. Because it's the Holy Spirit that keeps us in the truth, convicts us of our sins, and shows us how to live in this world applying God's Word in our lives.

**V. We should pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17) set our minds always on Christ, and to stay in communication with Him about everything.**

**VI. The Great Commission.... Go and make disciples (has nothing to do with age)**

Matthew 28: 19-20

Every person of Christ's calling