

Questions for Study and Application:

1. Where would you say you have received most of your wisdom?
2. What person in your life, who was older than you, played the greatest role in your spiritual development? Can you think of any specific examples?
3. Why do you think generations don't interact more? How do you think we can bring generations together in the church?
4. What are the events Kory said shape the "Builder" generation? Can you think of others? If you're a Builder, what would you say most shaped you?
5. Look at the four general characteristics of the Builder generation. Do you agree? Can you think of others?
6. What is valuable about these characteristics? How can the other generations learn from these?
7. What might be the pitfalls of each these characteristics? How can Builders avoid these pitfalls?

For the younger generations:

8. What are some ways you can actively learn from the old generation?
9. What are some of the needs of the older generation? How can you help meet those needs?
10. Who, in the older generation, will you make it a point of getting together with during this series? Name: _____

For the older generation:

11. How can you avoid "checking out?"
12. What are your unique gifts to help further the mission of the church?
13. How can you actively pass on the faith to the next generation?
14. Who is a younger person you will get together with during this series?
Name: _____



Senior Moments

"A generation which ignores history has no past and no future." —Robert Heinlein

"Wisdom is the right use of knowledge. To know is not to be wise. Many men know a great deal, and are all the greater fools for it. There is no fool so great a fool as a knowing fool. But to know how to use knowledge is to have wisdom." —Charles Spurgeon

"Wisdom is a blessing only to those prepared to absorb it." —Edward Young

"It is unwise to be too sure of one's own wisdom. It is healthy to be reminded that the strongest might weaken and the wisest might err." —Mahatma Gandhi

"Preparation for old age should begin not later than one's teens. A life which is empty of purpose until 65 will not suddenly become filled on retirement." —D.L. Moody

"Profundity of thought belongs to youth, clarity of thought to old age."

Sermon Notes:

Scripture: Proverbs 2

Our society values _____.

The benefits of wisdom:

- _____--being in right relationship with God. (vs 9)
- _____ and _____--being in right relationship with others. (vs 9)
- _____--protects us. (vs 11)
- It keeps us from being lured in by _____ people.

When we listen to wise people we receive _____ without the pain.

Wisdom comes from _____.

- He gives it to us _____.

How to get it?

1. We have to _____ it. (vs 3-5)
2. We have to _____ and _____ it. (vs 1)

Who do people accept wisdom from?

- Those whose _____ is in reasonable order.
- Those who are _____ with their wisdom.
- Those who aren't quick to say, "I _____ you so."
- God gives grace _____.

3. We have to _____ it. (vs 1, Matthew 7)

Passing on wisdom requires _____.

Characteristics of the "Builder" generation:

1. A strong sense of _____ pride and identity.
2. See worship as _____ and God-focused.
3. Put great emphasis on the _____ and _____ of the church.
4. Value _____ and _____.

Their greatest gift to the church:

1. They are models of _____.

How do we interact with the older generations?

1. Help with declining _____ and _____.
2. Be their _____.
3. For the older generation: Don't _____.