

**DAY** **JOSHUA 14:10-12****1**

After the wilderness journey, Caleb and Joshua were the only Israelites who could enter the Promised Land. Forty years earlier, they alone had faith to defeat the enemy who occupied their land. Now as they stepped across the Jordan, their faith was still strong. At eighty-five, Caleb still had strength to fight for what the Lord had promised. Right after the Civil War, age didn't matter to congressman Thaddeus Stevens, either. Despite being in his seventies and in poor health, he fought hard to establish fair laws for the recently freed slaves. What passion has God dropped in your heart? Kids ministry? Mentoring younger Christians? Someone out there can benefit from your experience.

DAY **LUKE 12:13-20****2**

Who is the better role model, Hugh Hefner or Mother Teresa? Both have passed on. Both have left legacies—one of greed, lust and selfishness, the other of compassion, mercy and self-sacrifice. Hugh Hefner built an empire and died rich. Mother Teresa built the kingdom of God and died poor. However, her wealth was not measured in dollars, but in something the eye cannot see. She was rich toward God. We may not be Mother Teresa, but we can build the heavenly kingdom and value that above earthly things.

DAY **MATTHEW 6:19-21****3**

When the stock market crashed in 1929, many people lost their fortunes. Some committed suicide. Monetary loss can be devastating, especially when our faith is in our finances. However, when we invest in God's kingdom with our time and prayer, we receive a dividend that cannot be taken away. When we make God our priority, we can weather material loss because we've been storing treasure in heaven.

DAY 2 TIMOTHY 2:2

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Jedi Grand Master Yoda from the Star Wars movies had a hand in training most of the Jedi Masters, including Luke Skywalker. He represents someone who has years of wisdom to impart to others. He was respected for his knowledge and learning. In our society, which has exalted youth, we forget the older generation has much to offer. Seniors, too, need to remember they are a treasure of wisdom and insight. They can mentor married couples, mothers and fathers, and children and grandchildren. Let older believers remember they are a treasure to someone else, and let younger Christians access their abilities.

DAY PSALM 92:12-14

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Experts say that people lose thirty percent of their muscle strength between age fifty and seventy. The good news is that they can delay and even reverse that loss by doing strength training. They can improve their mental acuity as well by learning and doing new things. The same is true in the spiritual realm. When people keep fit by praying, worshiping and doing good to others, they live longer and have the satisfaction of accomplishing something for God. Don't drift on the inner tube of life. Exercise your spiritual muscles and accomplish good works.

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