

LIES ABOUT AGING AND HOPE IN GOD'S PLAN

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LIE: **I am useless, and I have nothing to give.** I don't fit in with this generation. I am too old to serve the Lord. I have already done that. Or I have put my time in, it's time for the younger girls to do it.

VERSE: "He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season." *Psalms 1:3*
"...the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things - that they admonish the young women..." *Titus 2:1-5*
"They shall still bear fruit in old age; They shall be fresh and flourishing."
Psalms 92:13-14

TRUTH: Older women are called to help our younger women; the Lord will refresh them.

LIE: **I know the Bible. I don't need to read it again.** I can just read devotionals or Christian self-help books.

VERSE: "For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword."
Hebrews 4:12
"But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of..."
2 Timothy 3:14-17

TRUTH: The Bible is living; it instructs us on how to be saved and how to live the Christian life as a believer.

LIE: **I don't want to go to church and sit alone. It's just fine to watch online.** I don't need to go to Bible studies; I have been doing them for years and years. I have studied all those books.

VERSE: "As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend."
Proverbs 27:17
"And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together..." *Hebrews 10:34-35*

TRUTH: We must continue in fellowship in order to stand fast.



LIE: **I don't have time to serve the Lord.** My family needs me.

VERSE: "So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." *Psalm 90:12*
"How many loaves do you have?" *Mark 6:38*

TRUTH: The Lord will increase what we bring to Him.

LIE: **I could never go on the Mission Field at this age.** It's too dangerous. Something might happen to my health.

VERSE: "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea..." *Acts 1:8*

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." *Joshua 1:8*

"My times are in Your hand; Deliver me from the hand of my enemies..." *Psalm 31:15*

TRUTH: The Lord will be with you; whom He calls, He equips.

LIE: **I don't have the energy to serve the Lord.** I need my rest. It's time for me now. It's my time to do what I want to do.

VERSE: "You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain..." *John 15:16*

"And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart." *Galatians 6:9*

TRUTH: Our rest is in heaven; the Lord calls us to be about His work while we remain.

LIE: **It's just too difficult physically to commit to serving the Lord.** My mind is not as sharp as it used to be. My body is tired and sore. I can't work with children's ministry - that is for younger women. I can't sit on the floor.

VERSE: "Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees." *Isaiah 35:3*
"May He send you help from the sanctuary, and strengthen you out of Zion." *Psalm 20:2*

TRUTH: The Lord will strengthen our weakness; He will help us.

LIE: **I'm ashamed of something in my past or in my family;** other women would think less of me if it were to be known.

VERSE: "But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin." *1 John 1:7*

"For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren." *Romans 8:29*

TRUTH: Jesus has made all things new.

