

FINISHING WELL

FINISHING WELL IS THE RIGHT WAY FOR A CHRISTIAN TO CLOSE THE FINAL CHAPTER OF LIFE'S BOOK. NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY, NOW IS THE TIME TO LIVE WELL SO THAT YOU CAN FINISH WELL. HANDLING CHANGE WITH GRACE AND FORESIGHT IS A MUST. WE MUST HANDLE LIFE'S INEVITABLE CHANGES LIKE DEALING WITH PHYSICAL DECLINE. **(ITS A REAL BUMMER)** ACKNOWLEDGE PHYSICAL DECLINE GRATEFULLY AND RESPONSIBLY. GROWING OLDER IS NOT A DISGRACE. **LEARN TO LIVE ONE DAY AT A TIME.** TRY TO KEEP REASONABLY ACTIVE. SOME PEOPLE ARE SO DETERMINED TO FIGHT OFF THE EFFECTS OF OLD AGE, ITS CALLED DENIAL. I MYSELF WAS IN DENIAL FOR MORE THAN TEN YEARS FIGHTING MY BOUT WITH POST-POLIO SYNDROME, UNTIL I FINALLY MADE SOME LIFESTYLE CHANGES. ANOTHER CHANGE TO WHICH A PERSON MUST ADJUST IS THE ADDED FREE TIME THAT COMES WITH RETIREMENT.

TAKE TIME EVERY DAY TO FEED YOUR SOUL AND PRAY, AND ENJOY ACTIVITIES. ONLY THE ACTIVE CAN TRULY ENJOY REST. ANOTHER ELEMENT IN HANDLING THE TIME AFFORDED BY RETIREMENT IS THAT OF REACHING OUT TO OTHERS. KEEP AN ACTIVE MIND. SOME MENTAL PROCESSES DO SLOW DOWN WITH ADVANCING YEARS, AS CAN BE SEEN IN OTHER PEOPLE AROUND US. ELDERLY PEOPLE WHO WANT TO KEEP LEARNING AND BELIEVE THEY CAN MEMORIZE AND REMEMBER ARE LIKELY TO REMAIN MENTALLY KEEN. THOSE WHO MAKE BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER AN IMPORTANT PART OF THEIR LIVES WILL GROW SPIRITUALLY. PREPARE FOR THE DEATH OF FRIENDS AND RELATIVES BEFORE IT OCCURS. LOSING YOUR INDEPENDENCE CAN BE THE WORST ENEMY TO OUR PRIDE WHEN WE BEGIN TO NEED THE HELP OF OTHERS. OCCASIONALLY, PEOPLE KNOW THAT MENTALLY THEY WILL SOON BE DETACHED FROM REALITY. WE SHOULD VIEW OUR DISABILITIES AS DISCIPLINES DESIGN TO MAKE US MORE HUMBLE AND CHRISTLIKE.

FROM THE STANDPOINT OF ETERNITY, THE VALUE OF OUR EARTHLY POSSESSIONS IS NOT NEARLY AS IMPORTANT AS THE SPIRITUAL IMPACT WE MADE DURING OUR LIVES. YOUR **(FRAGRANCE)** CAN REMAIN ON EARTH LONG AFTER YOUR DEPARTURE AND WILL FOLLOW YOU FOREVER IN THE GLORIFIED PERSONS INFLUENCED THROUGH THE (AROMA) OF YOUR LIFE. WE ARE SAVED BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH ALONE, BUT **GOD** NEVER INTENDED THAT FAITH SHOULD STAND ALONE. SEEING JESUS AND HEARING HIS WORDS ON JUDGMENT DAY **(WELL DONE)** **WILL BE THE CULMINATING POINT OF OUR EXISTENCE, AMEN.**