

Geriatric principle # 2

Elderly people are necessary: They count

Scripture reference: But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. And if they were all one member, where were the body? But now are they many members, yet but one body. And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary. (I Corinthians 12:18-22)

STATEMENT: the older generation is essential. For whom? The younger generations. Why? Because God said so.

There is a natural tendency to discount those who appear feeble. But look at the human body. The liver is a feeble organ – it cannot defend itself – it must be placed in the body beneath the rib cage to be protected. Yet, the human body cannot live without the liver. So it is with those members of the body of Christ who appear to be feeble, including elderly people. To establish God’s purposes, the body of Christ NEEDS all its members.

Statement: The author has personal experience with success in his medical practice because he has been led, by faith, to humble himself so that he can receive blessing, encouragement, and wisdom, from patients with Alzheimer’s disease. God is not limited by Alzheimer’s disease. It doesn’t make sense; but it is true. And the author believes that it is true because that is the way God set it up.