Geriatric Principle #4: God has Ordained that their later years be their BEST

Scripture References:

Ecclesiastes 7:8 Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof: and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.

The cause of the latter end being better is the blessing of the LORD:

Job 42:12 So the LORD blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning:

The condition of the blessing of the Lord is obedience to His voice:

Deuteronomy 28:2 And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.

Obedience to His voice can be achieved only by faith, which releases the power of God:

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. 17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

Righteousness is key:
Romans 14:17 For the **kingdom of God** is not meat and drink; but **righteousness**, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

1 Peter 2:24 (Jesus of Nazareth) Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

**Repentance is the key:** without it, there can be no **faith towards God**:

The foundation of **repentance from dead works**, and (then) of faith toward God. (Hebrews 6:1)

Testifying … repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. (Acts 20:21)

Nevertheless, **walking by faith is not a struggle**: because, when the Lord speaks to the individual, faith comes to that individual to repent and do what the LORD is leading him/her to do:

Romans 10:17 So then **faith cometh** by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Isaiah 55:11 So shall **My word be that goeth forth out of My mouth**: it shall not return unto Me void, but **it shall accomplish** that which I please, and **it shall prosper in the thing** whereto I sent it.

**It is God’s will for people to be healthy:**

3 John 1:2 Beloved, **I wish above all things** that thou mayest prosper **and be in health**, even as thy soul prospereth.