

HONORING GRANDPARENTS WHO
ARE PASSING ON A

Legacy

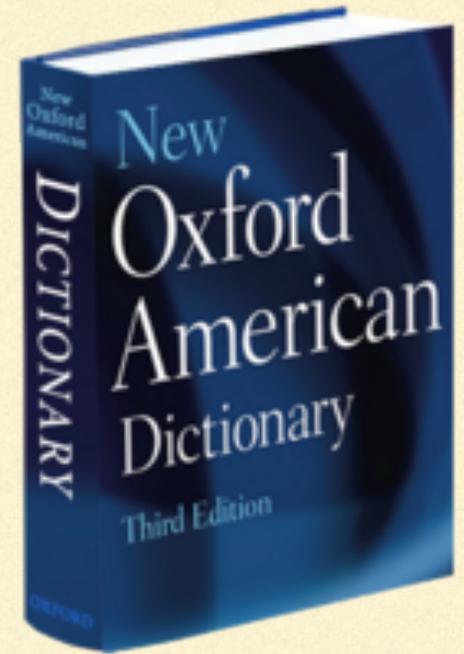
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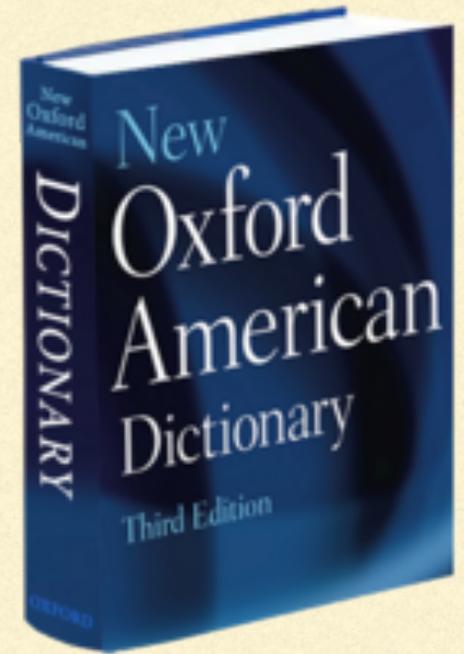
Material legacy

*an amount of
money or
property left to
someone in a will*



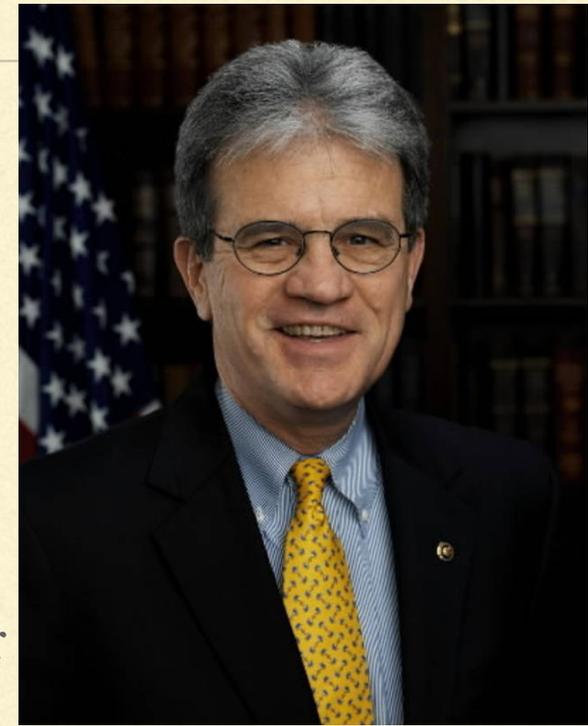
Non-material legacy

*a thing handed
down by a
predecessor*





Mark Meckler,
Citizens for Self-
Governance President



Dr. Tom Coburn,
former Oklahoma Senator

“Today if you order the Constitution from the Government Publishing Office . . . it’s 2,738 pages, with the supplements it’s over 3,000 pages, it weighs over 10-pounds. It contains every Supreme Court case that has ever told us what that original beautiful, succinct document means.”



¹⁸ I came to hate all my hard work here on earth, for I must leave to others everything I have earned. ¹⁹ And who can tell whether my successors will be wise or foolish? Yet they will control everything I have gained by my skill and hard work under the sun. How meaningless! ²⁰ So I gave up in despair, questioning the value of all my hard work in this world.

Ecclesiastes 2:18 – 20 (NLT)

“The moment we talk about impacting the world . . . the moment we talk about living to leave a legacy . . . it’s usually driven by selfish ambition and worldly desires. The problem is that selfish ambition and worldly desires end up becoming like a black hole for our souls. It distorts our reality. We have this insatiable hunger for all the wrong things. We chase after the things of the world to make a name for ourselves . . . we chase after glory . . .we chase after honor . . . we must make sure our lives are pointed at the right thing . . . the Kingdom of God.”

Bryan Jones, at Lake Point Church, Rockwall, TX

Spiritual legacy

¹ O my people, listen to my instructions. Open your ears to what I am saying, ² for I will speak to you in a parable. I will teach you hidden lessons from our past—³ stories we have heard and known, stories our ancestors handed down to us. ⁴ We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the LORD, about his power and his mighty wonders. ⁵ For he issued his laws to Jacob; he gave his instructions to Israel.

Psalm 78:1 - 8 (NLT)

Spiritual legacy

He commanded our ancestors to teach them to their children, ⁶ so the next generation might know them—even the children not yet born—and they in turn will teach their own children. ⁷ So each generation should set its hope anew on God, not forgetting his glorious miracles and obeying his commands. ⁸ Then they will not be like their ancestors—stubborn, rebellious, and unfaithful, refusing to give their hearts to God.

Psalm 78:1 - 8 (NLT)



PAUL'S SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY

- City
- One of the "Seven Churches" - Rev. 2-3
- ← Paul's Route

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Family Influence

I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

2 Timothy 1:5 (NIV)



Spiritual legacy

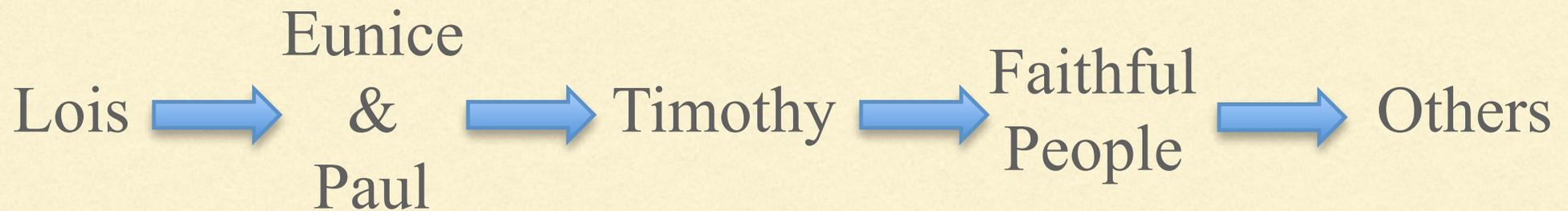
¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how **from infancy** you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

2 Timothy 3:14, 15 (NIV)

Non-family Influence

The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

2 Timothy 2:2 (NIV)



Paul's Practices

1. Pray for them

. . . I constantly remember you
in my prayers night and day . . .

2 Timothy 1:3 (NIV)

Paul's Practices

2. Lead by example

¹⁰ You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, ¹¹ persecutions, sufferings—what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured.

2 Timothy 3:10 - 11 (NIV)

Paul's Practices

3. Remind them of God's work

⁸ . . . join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. ⁹ He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time . . .

2 Timothy 1:8b – 9 (NIV)

Paul's Practices

3. Remind them of God's work

⁶ For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. ⁷ For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

2 Timothy 1:6 – 7 (NIV)

Paul's Practices

4. Give them hope and a vision of the future

¹¹ And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. ¹² That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day. .

2 Timothy 1:11 – 12 (NIV)

Paul's Practices

5. Encourage them not to drift off course

But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

2 Timothy 4:5 (NIV)

Paul's Practices

6. Serve together

¹ Paul went first to Derbe and then to Lystra, where there was a young disciple named Timothy. His mother was a Jewish believer, but his father was a Greek. ² Timothy was well thought of by the believers in Lystra and Iconium, ³ so Paul wanted him to **join them** on their journey . . . ⁴ **they** went from town to town, instructing the believers to follow the decisions made by the apostles and elders in Jerusalem. ⁵ So the churches were strengthened in their faith and grew larger every day.

Acts 16:1 - 5 (NIV)



The Focus of Paul's Life

⁶ For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

2 Timothy 4:6 – 8 (NIV)

The focus of Paul's Life

1. He viewed his life as a sacrifice to God

I am being *poured out* like a drink offering

2 Timothy 4:6 (NIV)

Aim at heaven and you will get earth
thrown in.

Aim at earth and you get neither.

C.S. Lewis



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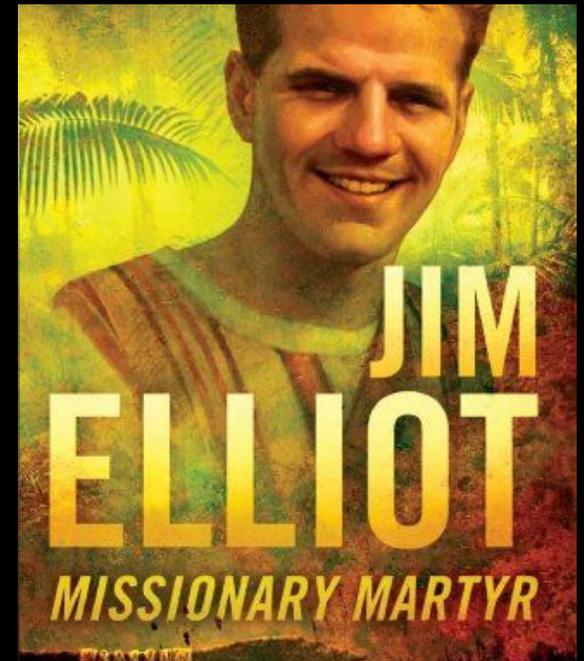
2. Paul lived for a greater reality

the time for my *departure* is near

2 Timothy 4:6 (NIV)

a ship pulling up its anchor and leaving
the harbor, or a soldier breaking camp

“When the time comes to die, make sure that all you have to do is die!”



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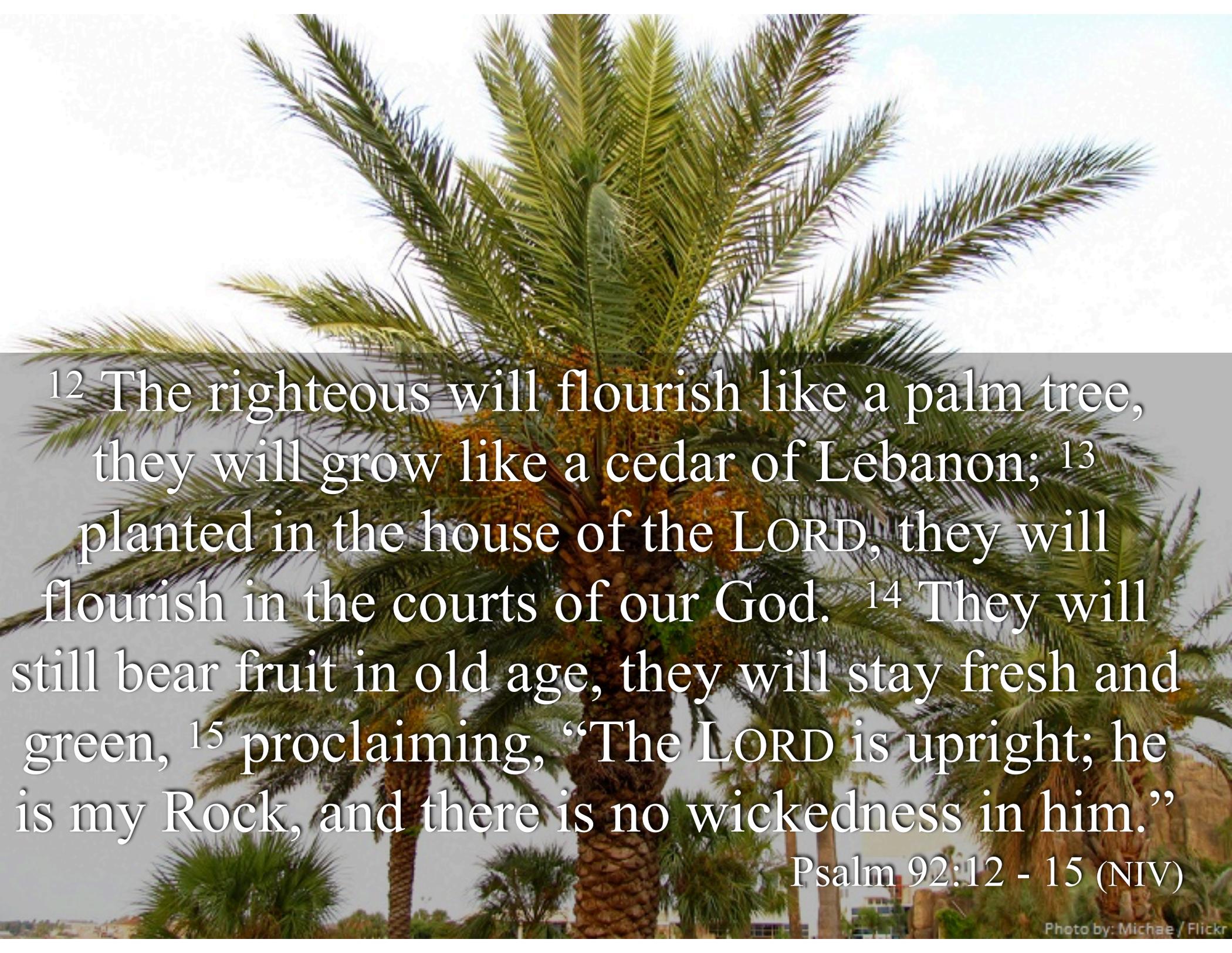
3. Paul viewed his death as his retirement

the time for my *departure* is near

2 Timothy 4:6 (NIV)

unyoking an ox from a plow

Death is both the beginning of new
life and the end of hard work.

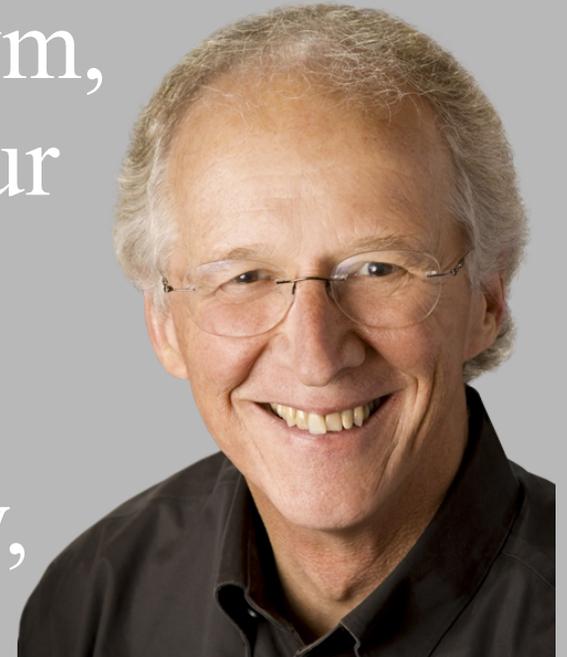


¹² The righteous will flourish like a palm tree,
they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; ¹³
planted in the house of the LORD, they will
flourish in the courts of our God. ¹⁴ They will
still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and
green, ¹⁵ proclaiming, “The LORD is upright; he
is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him.”

Psalm 92:12 - 15 (NIV)

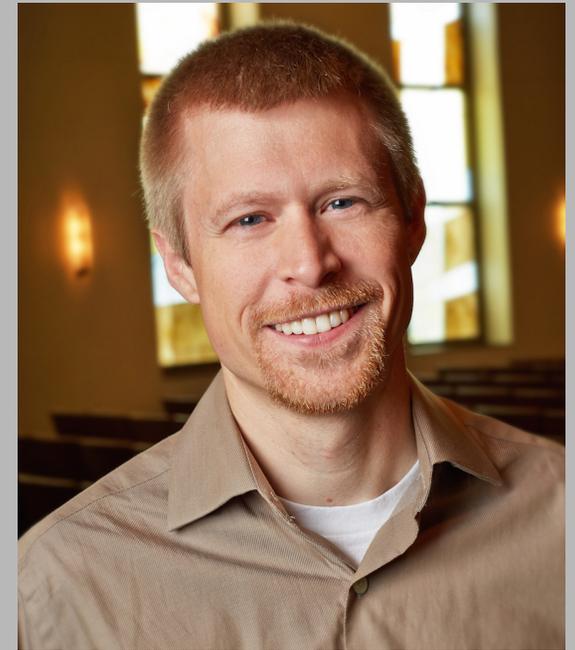
Live now to make much of Christ. Measure everything by this: Will it help more people admire Jesus more intensely and treasure Jesus more deeply? . . . So, all you boomers just breaking into Medicare, gird up your loins, pick up your cane, head for the gym, and get fit for the last lap. Fix your eyes on the Face at the finish line.

There will be plenty of time for R&R in the resurrection. For now, there is happy work to be done.”



John Piper

Dying is easier when one's life has not been wasted. Paul could face the twilight of life knowing that although he would die, his influence would continue to live on in the lives of those he impacted.



Josh Mulvihill
Director of Resources,
Legacy Coalition

So live your life that the fear of death can never enter your heart.

When it comes your time to die, be not like those whose hearts are filled with the fear of death, so that when their time comes they weep and pray for a little more time to live their lives over again in a different way.

Sing your death song and die like a hero going home.



Tecumseh
