

# Growing **Old** in **Christ**

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Among the hallmarks of modern culture is its attitude toward aging and the elderly. Youth and efficiency are celebrated in the current society, as the elderly are increasingly marginalized.

Hays Richard B. "AGEING in Christ presents the 1st serious theological reflection ever on what this means to get old, particularly in our tradition and particularly as a Christian. In a full-orbed conversation of the topic, eighteen first-price Christian thinkers survey biblical and historic perspectives on aging, appearance at aging in the modern world, and describe the "Christian practice of growing old. Meador Charles Pinches Joel James Shuman Carole Bailey Stoneking Laura Yordy Greer Stanley Hauerwas Judith C. Contributors: David Aers David Cloutier Rowan A. Weighty plenty of to teach theologians, ethicists, and professional caregivers yet accessible enough for pastors and general readers, this book will benefit anyone seeking faith-based insight into growing old. This not merely poses difficulties for aged people but is also a reduction for the youthful and middle-agers, who could find out much from the elderly, including what this means to grow old (and die) "in Christ. Hays Shaun C. Henson L. Stephen Long M. Gregory Jones Susan Pendleton Jones Patricia Beattie Jung D. Therese Lysaught David Matzko McCarthy Keith G." On the way they address many timely issues, including the medicalization of aging, the debate over physician-assisted suicide, and the importance of friendships both among the elderly and between your elderly and the youthful.



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Helpful to all who are aging. growing old in christ is similar to moving forward with a very trusted friend.! From a historical viewpoint, the aged were rare and honored, plus they were seen as representing wisdom and virtue. In the modern era, aging is seen as a curse, something to be avoided and despised, which view impacts our political, economic and social lifestyle. As the Church of Jesus Christ, our perspective must inform how exactly we deal with our elderly, and how exactly we approach growing older - with dignity and grace. They declare that we can benefit greatly by learning from older people and the procedure of aging. The various prescriptive aspects offered in these essays include medicine and attitudes toward the elderly within the Christian community, and the challenge to apply our theology consistently by seeing aging and death as a natural and unique experience. The unifying idea is perspective. During the past, the aged had been honored because these were valued as a source of strength, custom, wisdom and blessing. In today's, older people are seen as representing weakness, obsolescence, corruption and death; Five Stars Very inspirational book for understanding what aging parents are going through. Four Stars Very informative and easy reading. The individual effect of aging is seen in physical, mental and emotional changes, decrease in social interaction, moral decisions, and rituals encircling death. I highly recommend for those of us who are in our 60 as we move toward retirement and the natural lack of friends that entails. John Anderson For the Pastor's Study This is a book for the pastor's study. I think it rather too academic for most small groups, nonetheless it is excellent history for anyone who's leading and teaching on ageing as a spiritual journey. I am very grateful for it. The book and the material is better than I thought. It is very helpful information for my pastoral ministry. excellent ook! The info in the book is directly on! We've many seniors in our church family members and the writer's possess given various good insights. I will continue to use the material through my pastoral ministry period. youth is certainly valued and aged despised. The theological perspective sees ageing as a virtue and the aged to be worth honor. Great concepts for further study! There appears to be two parallel tracks evident in the many essays presented by the contributors of the volume, one is descriptive and the other is prescriptive, but both come together into a single idea: perspective. Very helpful personally As a recently retired pastor I found the book very useful in knowing more about my personal and my personal adjustment to "growing older" and also working with users of my parish with whom I still have contact. Thanks. In each essay, different aspects of aging are described.



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