ITU' ILWEMA - Old Age

Gheli ghi li nin faytî i fayn i fayn ta anena nin dvîyn ndu. No ifeli i dvini a bensi a fî a wùl ni feli ateyn nin ghi si kinti nge'si si dvinisi itu' i dviyn no mi a dzi i ka:iye'ti a ghêl, keli wi ikwo, nkèyn ikuni, iwuyn i bi, kimi ni a li a. Ki nò ifayn i nge'si itu' ilwema nî si fayti bebsi ki nò gheli a ikfa'ti ni njwô iwùyn ni anena anena dviyn bul a itu' i dzùyn i gyì.

Many people have a tremendous dread of growing old. A great deal of activity during the working years is aimed at preventing as many of the problems of old age as possible:dependency on others, lack of money, boredom, ill health, and so forth. The very fear of the problems of old age often make mental and physical wrecks of people -- they become old before their time.

Mba'tì Fìyìnì nìn ghi na ìtu' ìdvìyn na ghi ìlvi ì jûn a wùl a nchînì. Iwo i Fìyìnì nìn dyêyn na ìtug ìlwemâ lì a wu na keli ìchfìnì, bu felì ìwo, keli àdya', fâyn ì wì, fî keli ìsanli yi bem ki tèyn, kì ìlvi ta ifayti i ba'tì antêynì àyvìs nin læ meyn lì alè' a bensì ngwa' ì wùl.

God's Plan is that old age be the crowning glory of a person's lifetime. The Word of God shows that old age can have promise, productivity, vitality, confidence, and a great deal of happiness, providing that spiritual preparation has taken place during the younger years.

Ta Ŋwà'lɨ Fɨyìnì nɨn gwotɨ Bèŋsɨ

Ŋwà'lɨ Fɨyìnì nɨn dyèyn na dzɨsɨ nɨn ghɨ sɨ tàl ta ghɨ gwòtɨ ndù nɨ bènsɨ ateyn.

îtu' **ngwa' ì wùl** nìn ko' chem a bèŋsì 40. Mosìs nin læ zì si yeyn na wù n-keli iwo yi to si nì sì gheli Isìlà nì Bôbo ghi bèŋ 40, Ifèl i Gheli Ntum 7:23. Wu fi lì ì kfeynsi bèŋsi 40 ì tu ngeŋ ì ŋweyn, tèyn, jæ ta ka wù na tisî Isìlà. À nà ghi a bèŋsì 80 si chem a 120 ta wù nì ifèl i bemni-i nì ŋweyn.

À n-ghɨ a Ifèl i Ghelɨ Ntum 4:22, ghɨ chu' wul ɨ lûmnɨ, ghelɨ Sanhedrin ɨ nà kɨŋ sɨ yvɨ a ŋweyn ɨ chfɨ. No mɨ tì, ''wùl nà wèyn na ghɨ bèŋ mɨvɨm ɨn kæ ta ghɨ nɨn læ nì iwo i kaynɨ-i ì kûm ìchu' sɨ ŋweyn', yi dyêyn na wù nà ghɨ ma wù lema ghè'nɨ sɨ nà kya ìwo zɨ a yi n-gàyn.

À n-ghɨ a 1 Timotì 4:12, Bòl ɨ nyà' na, ''ka wùl ɨ kesɨ và ta wà n-bu ghɨ kɨ ngwa' ɨ wùl'. Timotì nà ghɨ a bensɨ mɨvɨm ɨn tal nɨ nweyn ɨtu' nà ghàyn.

Îtu' ta wùl nìn ghi **antêynì àntèynì idviyn** sì zìtì a bèŋsì 40 si chem a 60. À n-ghi a 1 Timotì 5:9, wi nkfì vzì a wu n-ghi bèŋsì 60 ma wù kfa meyn si ìfèl na ghi lvìyn sì fu si mèsì ngen ì ŋweyn ifeli ì jèm a to'tì chôs. Gheli ghibimini ghi dvini nî ghi fayti fèl nô sì a ŋaŋ ta àŋena si ghi antèynì àntèynì a bèŋsì idvìyn. Ngayn ndò Fìyìnì na tò' keli ìfelì i bemni si zìtì a bèŋsì 30 si chem a 50.

Age Divisions in the Bible

The Bible indicates that there are three broad divisions of a lifetime.

The period of **youth** lasts up to about 40 years of age. Moses began to sense his responsibility to Israel and to the Lord when he was about 40, Acts 7:23. He spent 40 more years in training, however, before he became leader of the people of Israel. It was during the years from 80 to 120 that he did his great work.

In Acts 4:22, a man is healed and the Sanhedrin wanted to ridicule his testimony. However, "the man was above forty years old on whom this miracle of healing was shown", indicating that he was mature enough to know what had happened.

In 1 Timothy 4:12, Paul writes, "Let no man despise thy youth." Timothy was in his thirties at the time.

The period of **middle age** last from about 40 to 60 years of age. In 1 Timothy 5:9, a 60-year-old widow's retirement was into a full time ministry of prayer supported by the church. Many believers hit their top pace in the middle years. The high priest's work load was heaviest between 30 and 50.

Itu' à dzuyyn nɨn ghɨ sɨ a bèŋsት 60 sɨ nà ndù asɨ. À n-ghɨ a Daniyèl 12, Daniyèl wu ghɨ bèŋsት 90, ghɨ bè sɨ ŋweyn na ka wù na fi ku tèyn wùl a wù sɨ ghɨ ma wù kfɨ meyn, na wù lalì nà ndu à. À n-ghɨ a Lûk 2:36-38, wul ɨ wi ma wù faytɨ meyn ɨ lema (84) nà ghɨ faytɨ fèlɨ kɨ nô ɨ felɨ sɨ Fɨyìnì fɨ.

Old age is the period from 60 on. In Daniel 12, Daniel, at age 90, was told to stop acting like a dead man and to get going. In Luke 2:36-38, a woman of great age (84) was very active in serving the Lord.

Mɨdzɨtɨ Mɨ ichi ɨn Lɨ kùm ɨtu' ɨ dzuyn

Itu' ì dzuyn nɨn ghɨ ìku dzì a ikfà'tɨ kɨmɨ nɨn ìwo i dzɨ a àcha' ɨwùyn. Ghelɨ nì ghɨ nà wulɨ à ɨlvɨ ta wà nɨn bè iwo kûm ìtu' ilwema. Sɨ ba'sɨ sɨ iwo kùm ì kfɨ, ghɨ nɨn nyaŋsɨ bè ì wì iwo kùm ìtu' ì dzuyn. Dzɨsɨ nɨn dvɨ kɨ tèyn a ghelɨ nɨn mòmsɨ sɨ tzɨyntɨ nɨ itu' i dzuyn ateyn. Äŋena nî ghɨ nà yisì mɨyisi kɨ sɨ ì dvɨ nì sɨ nà ke'à i ku ta ghɨ bù lèma. àŋena nì ghɨ nà mòmsɨ sɨ na jelɨ à sɨ yàysɨ i nkèyn ikunɨ sɨ fi sɨ nà ku na ghɨ nɨn nì ìwo. Äŋena nî ghɨ nà lî ifwo ma ghɨ fàytɨ faytɨ nɨ àwo a li a sɨ tzɨyntɨ nɨ itu' i dzuyn.

Mɨti, wùl ɨ se sɨ nà kwo lemâ ndù ta wul ɨ bɨminɨ, a ichî na kwo jofɨ gvî ɨ jofɨ! Mbà'tɨ Fɨyìni nɨn be chwô no mɨ inki nge' i kà ta mbzɨ yèyn lì a yi gvi nɨ nyeyn. Mɨtì, ta ka wul sæ a mbà'tɨ nà ghàyn, wùl nɨn kelɨ yeyn sɨ keli ibæ sɨ fi sɨ fsɨ Chrsit sɨ a mbœsɨ. Tèyn, wùl nà wèyn nɨn kelɨ sɨ nà fsɨsɨ iye'i a Ŋwà'lɨ Fɨyìni kɨmɨ mɨnchi ɨn jɨm nô sɨ a beŋsɨ sɨ nì na yi na boynɨ à ta ka wù na faytɨ kelî afo a juŋ àno mɨ achi à kà. Ta mba'tɨ Fɨyìni kùm ifu i atem a juŋ à nɨ ŋweyn nɨn ghɨ, yi bè kɨ iwo kûm ifu i atem a juŋà kûm ikfɨ, mɨnchi ɨ ngo'sɨnɨ a wa a nchînɨ nɨn kelɨ sɨ nà fom chwô no mɨ ɨn kà.

Mɨtì ghelɨ ghɨ lemanɨ ghɨ lì ta ghɨ n-koynsɨ kè' layn nɨn ghɨ kɨlitèynsɨ. Àŋena nɨn ghɨ tèyn ta fɨngê' ɨ fu nge'. Itu' ɨ ngwa' ɨ wùl nɨ 'aŋena nɨn bu fi ghɨ wi a fu sɨ nà lof kɨŋtɨ àŋena. Ghɨ sɨ yeyn kɨ àŋena lvɨyn sɨ iwo a fi a yi n-ghɨ a àŋena antèynɨ bula ghɨ fi kem lɨmtì ta yi nà ghɨ itu' ɨ ngwa' ɨ wùl. ''No mɨ ti a ta wùl nɨn kfa'tɨ a ŋweyn item, wù n-ghɨ kɨ tì.'` Ghɨ nâ nyaŋsɨ bè na itu' ngwa' i wùl nɨn ghɨ itu' sɨ nà môm awo a bɨ-a bu tò' zɨ wì ateyn, mɨti wùl i se sɨ lema itu' i ngwa' i wùl bû na fi ghɨ sɨ kɨŋtɨ. Itu' idviyn nɨn dyeyn fvɨsɨ njasɨ nô sɨ jɨm tèyn taawo kì a wùl bu kòŋ wì sɨ vɨsi, iku i bzɨ-i, nɨ ifce ta yi nɨn lì alè' antèynɨ àyvɨs.

Some Principles of Old Age

Old age is a mental attitude as well as a physical problem. People shudder when you discuss old age. Next to the subject of death, it is the least favorite topic. There are many ways people try to postpone old age. They try various products to keep on looking and feeling young. They try traveling to relieve boredom and to give a sense of fulfillment. They use gadgets and programs to postpone old age.

But, the older one becomes as a believer, the better life should become! God's Plan is bigger than any problem this life can produce. Of course, to take advantage of this plan, a person must understand Salvation and receive Christ as Saviour. Then, the individual must get Bible teaching every day over a period of years to make it possible to obtain the maximum out of every day of life. According to God's Plan of Grace, which includes the concept of Dying Grace, the last day of your life should be the best.

But some of the most miserable old people around are Christians. They are cantankerous and obnoxious. Their youth is no longer there to protect them. They are seen for what their souls really are, without the camouflage of youth. "As a man thinks in his heart, so is he." Youth is excused for bad behavior; but youth is no longer there to cover up. Old age exposes all the faults, habits, obnoxious characteristics, and degeneracy of soul.

À na ghɨ ta foyn solomùn chem ɨtu' ɨ dvɨyn, wu nyà' Ikɨlisiyasɨtis, ɨ nà kelɨ itebtɨ sɨ ŋwa' ɨ wùl. Ngwà' ɨ wùl ɨ li a wù ba'tɨ lvɨyn sɨ nà kelɨ itu' ɨ dvɨyn isaŋlɨ-I ghɨ ateyn. Isaŋlɨ-I nɨn ghɨ wi a ifèl ɨ ghɨ wi ta wùl ɨ kfa sɨ ifèl, yi n-ghɨ wi ta wùl ɨ kè' a dzɨ afêyn kèsa a zɨ ti. Nkàyntɨ isaŋlɨ nɨn ghɨ kɨ ta wù nɨ lema ta kɨlitèyn, kolâ fɨtàm fi Àyvɨs, felɨ a dzɨ ikfà'tɨ nɨ Fɨyini fɨ, kelɨ afo kì afo kì a wù bà'lɨ nge' ɨ ŋweyn antêynɨ kɨ ghɨ a jûŋ-kelɨ ijôf yi ghɨ dzɨ a àntêynɨ.

When King Solomon reached old age, he wrote Ecclesiastes; and he has some advice for youth. A young person can prepare now to have a happy old age. Happiness is not in working, and it is not in retirement; it is not in this diversion or that. True happiness is in Christian growth, the production of the Fruit of the Spirit, operating on Divine Viewpoint, having a healthy edification structure in the soul -- having the inner beauty of soul.

"Wa saŋlià O wyandà- ikùŋ!" Kiŋ dzi si nà saŋli-à ta wà nin bu ghi ngwa' i wùl". Wà kà' a wà bè'i isaŋli ì zæ nà jeli kali ni inyeynì, isaŋli zi a yi n-ghi dziantêyni ikfà'ti i ye'tî wì ghi yeyn ki iwo I Fîyìnì, isaŋli ye'tî wì ta awo nin ku, ye'ti wì awo ta ki nin gàyn, a gheli, kèsa mîwoli mi nchîni. Iyeyn nâ yèynì nin lî i wul i ndû ni ŋweyn ta ka wù keli itu' i dviyn wu fom bema.

"Rejoice, O young man!" "Find happiness when you are young." Then you can carry your happiness around with you, the inner mental happiness found in the Word of God, a happiness which does not depend on conditions, circumstances, people, or the details of life. This leads to a marvelous old age!

'È vɨsi atem à kya na nì wa saŋlɨ-a ɨtu' è ngwa' è wùl nɨ và". A wà nî na nû wì ɨtu' è dvɨyn, a ètu' è dvɨyn na ghɨ ètu' fom chwô no mɨ ghà. Inkì I wûl ì nâ yèynì n-ghɨ fɨngwaŋ fɨ mbzɨ ɨtu' è dvɨyn nɨ ŋweyn, kè nô è wul è two isas I ndo nɨ kɨlitèynsɨ.

"And let thy heart cheer you in the days of your youth." Then you won't fight old age; old age will be the best age of all. This type of person is the salt of the earth in his old age, an aristocrat of the Christian family.

"Jelì a dzisi atem nì và." Lvìyn ngwa' ì wùl vzì a wù lìmsi ngen ì nweyn antêynì ìwo I Fìyìnì wu nì lî iwo I Fìyìnì sì nà chì ateyn. "ta wà n-yeyn a wa asi". Si lì iwo I Fîyìnì si nà chî ateyn.

"Walk in the ways of your heart." Now the young person who is immersed in doctrine uses the Word of God in living the Christian Way of Life. "In the sight of thine eyes." The application of the Word of God to experience.

"Mìtì wa kya na Fìyìnì fi là lî i và i gvì nì và asi a nsa', bòm tèyn, cho' jìsì ikoynsi ìkè' si a wa nchînì, i jìsì mà'ì nchînì ibi si wa njwo iwùyn". À keynà nin ghi àlinsi a nsa', iboynsì, nì ife'tì fvìsì mbi, nì ì lî I tichfinì.

"But know that God will bring you to judgment; therefore remove sorrow from your heart, put away evil from thy flesh." This is a picture of judgment, chastisement, confession, claiming promises.

Bòm teyn, itu' ilwema, nin ghi ìku dzi ìkfa'ti ma wùl i bà'li kò' ta wù n-chi ko'. Ta wùl nin lema ko' ta wul i bimini, ichi nin keli si nà kwo jofi ti jofi. Isanli itu' idviyn nin ye'ti na wùl i bà'li kò' ti a itu' i ngwa' i w[ul ni itu' ta wù nin ghi àntèynì a wûl.

Therefore, old age is a mental attitude developed during a lifetime. The older one becomes as a believer, the better life should become. Happiness in old age is dependent on what is built up during the previous years of youth and middle age.

Nge'sɨ ɨtu' ɨlwema

Problems of Old Age

Ta wà nìn jàn kàlì nì awo kèynà a ghi lèm kalì kûm ì nge' sìsì a si nin gvî itu' ilwema, ikfa'tì ì zæ na bèynlì iwo I Fiyìnì ì nà fî fî kfà'tì no mi àfvi iye'i "si chù" à kà ta ki n-ghi no mi si a

As you read the following listing of the problems of old age, meditate on the Word of God and try to think of the doctrinal "antidote" for each problem. The prescription will be

nge' ì kà.	given in the succeeding sections of this article; but try finding answers in your own repertoire of doctrine.
• itu' ilwema lì a wu ni a wùl na bu fi fayti kfà'ti wì. Yi kà' yi gayn bòm ta iwuyn i wuli nin boli. Ma yi kà' yi fî gàyn ilvi ta item tî nà ghi ma ghi ma'i meyn, nô ilvi ta ghi tî nà ghi ma ghi ma'i meyn iwo I Fiyìnì, a ikfa'ti-I na bu fi fayti ghi wi a jûn.	Old age may bring on a lack of mental sharpness. This can occur because of physical debility. Also, if the mind has been neglected, especially if the Word of God has been neglected, there will be a failure of the mentality.
• À n-ghɨ itu' ilwema, wùl i kà' a wù bɨla a dzɨ a fi a wù nɨn ki mbzɨ ateyn kûm mɨdzɨtɨ mzɨ a wùl nɨn jelɨ ateyn wu tɨm yɨ. Wùl i kà' a wù kasî i ki ibàm ta wù chi kò' chɨl kɨ na ichi nô i jɨm nɨn ghɨ ife. À lì a à na ghɨ ma wù ti meyn lem kò' nɨ mɨwolɨ sɨ nì, na sɨ ghɨ idvɨyn buila iwo kfeyn. Yi bôynɨ kɨ tèyn ta ka nkèyn ku mèsì ŋweyn.	• In old age, there can be a disorientation to life from the standpoint of success standards. A person looks back and regards life as a failure. Maybe he set goals, and now he is old and never realized the goals. There is a great danger of disillusionment.
Yi n-boynî ki teyn ta ka mbisi îkfâ'tî î kfeynsi kfeynsi îtu' î dvîyn na wù si kaŋ ki kaŋ awo fi sa'tî à. Awo nâ kêynà nin nì ghi nà to' zì ndû î wì ateyn îtu' î ngwa' î wùl, mitî ki n-bem no abi si ghìlema.	• There is a tendency for great increase in mental attitude sins in old age, with emphasis on criticism and judgment. These things are often overlooked in youth; but they are horrible in the elderly.
 À na ghɨ ɨtu' ɨ dvɨyn wùl ɨ bosî ghɨ wi ghɨ nô ɨlvɨ ta ghɨlma nà ghèyn lì ghɨ bû tò'nɨ nɨ ngeŋsɨ àŋena a dzɨ ɨkwo. Woyn a àŋena nɨn ghɨ kɨ nô ɨtu adya' nɨ àŋena mɨtì se sɨ ba'tɨ àŋena bû we àŋena a mbà'tɨ ateyn. 	• There is often a lack of security in old age, especially if the old people can't take care of themselves financially. Their children are in the prime of their lives and often the children's plans do not include them.
 Îtu' ilwema lì a wu ni a wà na bu fi kya wi si ki si lamti iwo, lesi à, kya wi si bèysi, si yviti, si yeyn Tèyn wùl ilwemà nî wu lì ilvi si nà du'a achi zi i wì iwo, yvili ki yvili, bè wì iwo. 	Old age may bring an inability to concentrate, forgetfulness, inability to converse, to hear, to see. So the old person gets used to sitting in a chair daydreaming, vegetating, saying nothing.
 À ni a nà ghɨ kɨmɨ ɨlvɨ fɨ li wu nà kya wi na zɨ fi chí ɨ nô mbzɨ sɨ jleɨ ti a, a dvɨtɨ kɨ mɨlvɨ ta wùl nɨ nî wì iwo ateyn, a dvɨtɨ kɨ ɨlvɨ sɨ nà dɨmlɨ à. Wù kà' a wù na kòŋ kɨ nô sɨ 	• There is sometimes a lack of motive to live, too much idle time, and too much time for complaining. There may be a desire to travel but no means to do so. So there is a lack of significant things to do.
 itu' i dviyn nin gvì ni alimalima kûm libis. Itu' ilwemâ nî wu nà bu fi kunî wì ni àjân a woyn-nda ni woyn i woyn. Bòm tèyn wà kà' a wà ziti iwo I li yi n- ghi fan i fan si nà kan chwôsi awo. 	Old age brings future shock. Old age finds itself out of phase with the younger generations of children and grandchildren. Therefore a dangerous trend can get started toward hypercriticism.

- Wùl à bɨminɨ ilwemtɨnɨ lì a wù na sɨ ghɨ ma wù timi meyn sɨ nà lemâ àbàs ayvɨs, kèsa ibemnɨ-i, wù kà' a wù na ghɨ bula wù timî zɨtɨ. Bòm tèyn, wù n-yɨ wi sɨ lema, bula wù ghamtɨ a Christ, i kôŋ i wì iwo I Fɨyini. Wù kà' a wù na sɨ ghɨ aleŋ sɨ nà sɨ tì kɨ alè' à mò', sɨ nà sɨ chyè' ndù à, sɨ nà ye'tɨ iye'i ma wù nɨn læ keli nô itu' mu.
- The older believer may have stopped growing spiritually, or worse, may never have got started. There is, therefore, no edification, no occupation with Christ, no desire for the Word. There is a tendency to stagnate, to become jaded, to rely on the study done years before.
- À ka' a wù na si ku ndû sì na lum kè'nì ki ke'ni no mi ghà taytsu 2:3, bè àwo a gheli atu ki ghi wi, lêm ì ku ìghòn, tanî àwo a bi a, kan gheli a dzi si bebsi.
- There can be a tendency toward the negatives of Titus 2:3, becoming false accusers, gossips, evil speakers, vicious in criticism.
- Iwo I li nɨn ghɨ antèynɨ nɨ ghelɨ ghɨbɨminɨ ghɨlemtɨnɨ ta ka ghɨ na nyvɨ chowsɨ mɨlù' bòm ta àŋena bu fi kelɨ wi iwo ta yi nɨn ndû sɨ àŋena.
- There is a tendency among older believers to drink quite a lot when they don't have anything else going for them.
- Teyn, iwo I li fî ghɨ kɨmɨ nà wà na sɨ kfa'tɨ na ta wà lemtɨ meyn wà sɨ kelɨ itof I li. Tèyn wa na sɨ taŋî ɨ chwosɨ-à ghɨ ta wùl ila' ɨ ngaŋtɨnɨ, wu lum ghɨ mɨlvɨ ɨn jɨm ɨ taŋî kɨ taŋi ɨ nî à ɨ nkèyn ku ghelɨ ghì a ghɨ nɨn yvɨtɨ mɨlvɨ ɨn jɨm
- Then, there is the tendency to think that getting old means that a person has some wisdom. So there is the garrulous senior citizen who never stops talking and inflicts continuous boredom on his listeners with his platitudes and homely chatter.

ttu' idviyn a dzi Fiyin ma wu luyn meyn ni ifu i atem a jun à.

A Godly and Grace-Filled Old Age

Si zì ìtu' ì dvìyn wùl ì bimini vzì a wù ghè'ni I bimi nin kfà' wì kfa' iwo kûm ìbœ I ŋweyn, wu zì ìtu' ìlwema ta wul ì bimini faytì kya àwo fî felì fìsì àwo. Wù n-faytì kya mesì iwo kûm ìbœ nì ichi ayvis i. Wu n-kya si nà lì tichfinì ti Fìyìnì sì si a ngeŋ. Wù n-faytì kya ìwo kûm ànjìŋ, ma wù fi meyn toyni antêynì nì a li a, ì nà ki ndû asi si tìmôm tì liti. Wù n-gvitì no mi sì a njìŋ à nì isaŋli-I ìtu' ìdvìyn.

Coming into old age, the mature believer is assured of his redemption; and he comes into old age as a knowledgeable, productive Christian. He understands both salvation and spirituality. He knows how to claim promises. He understands suffering, has lived through some of it, and looks forward to greater tests. He is ready for both suffering and happiness in old age.

Wùl na wỳen nì zî ì gvì ìtù' ì dvìyn gvìtì sì nà chî iwo I Fìyìnì. No mi ikfa'tì I nweyn n-si ghi ma yi bœ meyn kì nô ta mìdzìtî mì Rome 12:2 n-ghi. Wù n-yeyn kelî na nwà'lìsì n-dvî ki tèyn, mìtì a to ki ì mò', ikfa'tì I Christ, iwo I Fìyìnì.

This person comes into old age able to apply the Word of God to experience. Even his mind is saved, according to the principles of Romans 12:2. He realizes that there are many books, but only one Book, the mind of Christ, the Word of God.

Wul i biminini vzi a wù n-lemti n-lî iyvîti ibimi si chi ateyn. Ta iwuyn i nweyn nin boli ndû, ichfini 2 Kòlin 4:15-17 i yeyni nin ghi. The elderly believer uses the Faith-Rest principles of life. While the body is getting weaker, there is this promise of 2 Corinthians 4:15-17.

"Ghəs nɨn bɨmì sɨ yeyn nge' nà yèyn sɨ a yi a njùŋ ta kata ka Fɨyìnì fɨ na dyêyn àtem a juŋà sɨ ghelɨ sɨ idvɨ sɨ idvɨ, a ghelɨ kasì ɨ nà fu àyòŋnɨ ɨ kogsɨ ɨ nfeynfɨ dvɨ kɨ tèyn. À ti iwo zɨ a ghès nɨn boli wi sɨ nà nì ifêlɨ nâ yèynì. No mɨ ta njwòsɨ ɨwùyn nɨ ghès nɨn boli ndû, Fɨyìnì fɨ nɨn fu àdya' sɨ ghès a mɨtèm kɨ mɨlvɨ ɨn jɨm. Nge' sìsɨ a ghès nɨn yeyn lvɨyn nɨn kumî ghɨ kɨ a nfam, ghɨ kɨ sɨ a fɨleŋnɨ fɨ ɨlvɨ têyn. Nge' nà sèynsɨ nɨn ba'tɨ ghès sɨ a njùŋ ì gha'nɨ a fi a yì n-gvî, ghɨ wi sɨ læ sɨ mæ, ma ghɨ ka' ghɨ bu læ fe'nɨ nge' nà sèynsɨ nɨ njùŋ àteyn.

"For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God. For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, works for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory."

Dzi zi a łtu' i dviyn i sœni ni ghi ateyn

Kasi ki ilwè' i Nwà'li Fiyìnì wèyn tèyn ta ka wà yeyn ichfiti ki nô a Nwà'li Fiyìnì nin fe'ti ta itu' i dviyn lì a wu na so ateyn fi feli fisi iwo.

À n-ghɨ a 1 Timotì 5:5-10, achfɨtɨ a wi ɨ nkfɨ ɨ lì a nɨn ghɨ afu ta wù n-ghɨ sɨ nà chi ta wì ɨ nkfɨ kɨ nɨ inyɨŋ. Mɨtì, wùl ɨ wi nà wèyn nɨn samsɨ Fɨyìnì, lì tɨchfɨnɨ tɨ Ŋwà'lɨ Fɨyìnì, ghɨ mɨ ɨlvɨ gha jêm kɨ jem. A ghɨ wi ɨ nkfɨ ''ghɨ taŋî a jûŋ kûm ta wù n-nî ifelɨ i juŋ ì'` wu bebsɨ wì ɨtu' ɨdvɨyn nɨ ŋweyn.

A n-ghɨ a Ifèl i Ghelɨ Ntum 11:36-43 a n-ghɨ fɨtɨtɨ fɨ Dokàs, "ma wù luyn meyn nɨ ifelɨ i juŋì" faytɨ fsɨsɨ ghelɨ ghɨ gvinɨ, ma "wu su meyn ɨvɨ ghelɨ ghɨ ŋwa'nɨ" faytɨ i ndzɨsɨ, gamtɨ ighì a ghɨ njɨŋ ta wù na kya sɨ tò'nɨ nɨ ghelɨ, i fi felɨ fɨsɨ njùŋ a dzɨ Fɨyìnì. Wu sɨ ghɨ wu sɨ kya sɨ ku no mɨ iwo ì kà a chînɨ.

A n-ghɨ 1 Timotì 2:1-2 ghɨ n-fè'nɨ dzɨ zɨ a ghɨlumnɨ ghɨlemanɨ Fɨyìnì fɨ nɨn ghɨ ateyn. Àŋena nɨn kelɨ sɨ nà kelɨ atem kɨ kè' a jûŋ, ghɨ a àŋena itof, ikfa'tɨ-i nyaŋsɨ à, nɨ chinɨ yi fɨsɨ Christ, ma ghɨ kunɨ meyn no mɨ a gha a nchînɨ (shɨŋ wi), "ghɨ a jûŋ a ibɨmi" to àbàs ayvɨs bòm ìye'i, mbɨsɨ ikfà'tɨ bu fi fu wi nge' sɨ àŋena tèyn ta akfɨyn, àŋhè', ichef, kelɨ wi ikôŋ ikfà'tɨ.

A' n-ghɨ a 1 Timotì 2:3 ghɨ lèm kalì nɨ dzɨ zɨ a ghɨki ghì a ghɨ n-chi nchînɨ Fɨyini n-ghɨ ateyn. Ijof i àŋena bayn fvɨ dzɨ antèynɨ fɨsɨ ibayn i ŋwà' nɨ Fɨyini fɨ. Àŋena nɨn wam wi awo a ghelɨ atu, kèsa wulɨ à ta ghɨ n-bê awo a bɨ a kùm ghelɨ, taŋî wì itaŋi i bzɨ, kèsa lêm ɨ kûghòŋ, kèsa

Characteristics of a Beautiful Old Age

Review the following scripture passages to get a thorough understanding from Bible examples just what an exciting and productive old age can be like.

In 1 Timothy 5:5-10, there is the example of a widow alone who faces the occupational hazard of widowhood in loneliness. However, this woman trusts in God, uses the promises of the Bible, and keeps on praying. A widow who is "well reported for good works" is making the most out of old age.

In Acts 11:36-43 is the story of Dorcas, "full of good works", given to hospitality, who "washed the saints feet", made garments, relieved the afflicted with her nursing skills, and was a producer of divine good. She had mastered the details of life.

In Timothy 2:1,2 there is a discussion of the characteristics of godly elderly men. They are to be healthy minded, alert, sharp, with Christlike character, masters of the details of life ("temperate"), "sound in faith", having spiritual healthy because of doctrine, being free from mental attitude sins such as bitterness, envy, hostility, having mental attitude love.

In Timothy 2:3 ff are listed the characteristics of godly older women. Their shining inner beauty reflects the glory of God. They are not false accusers or guilty of maligning, evil speaking, or gossip, and they are not vindictive. They are also temperate and able to teach good

kelɨ ìkfa'tɨ i bzɨ kùm ghelɨ.. àŋena nɨn luŋlɨ ɨ wì fi ghɨ ndyèynsɨ sɨ awo a juŋ à sɨ woyndangòynsɨ. Àŋena nɨn faytɨ kya àwo fi kelɨ ìtof bòm tèyn woynda ngòynsɨ ɨ na kôŋ sɨ nà yvitɨ sɨ àŋena. Àŋena nɨn ye'î woyn-nda ngòynsɨ na àŋena na kelɨ mɨtem ɨn jùŋ, nè'à wi iku, faytɨ ki àwo àtì-ati, ghalɨ ngeŋ, tisɨ ngeŋsɨ àŋena, njwosɨ ɨwùyn sɨ fu wi nge' sɨ àŋena (kelɨ wi i lɨŋ a nchînɨ), njɨlɨ chì wì chi, fi ngvɨmlɨ ɨlum ɨ àŋena.

things to the younger women. They had skill and wisdom and had the willing attention of younger women. They taught the young women to be healthy minded, emotionally stable, to have sound judgment, to be poised, in control of themselves, thoughtful, to be free from carnality ("chaste"), to be morally good, and to respond to their husbands.

Antèynì awo nà ghàyn a ghi fè'nì têyn, awo nin dvì ki tèyn si nì itu' idvìyn, itu' idvìyn lì a nà ghi itu' adèn, a tò' ghi wi na wà kasî i nà "chî nchînì i mìnchi mì njùn mzì", mitì si nà faytì yvi ki nô ìfom i lviyn ni libis.

From these illustrations we conclude that there is plenty to do in old age, that old age can be a golden age, not necessarily in reliving the "good old days", but in actively enjoying the present and the future.