

Keeping the Church Alive #5
Work for Everyone
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As Christians we should strive to be faithful, working and profitable servants all of our lives. There are always tasks we can do and ways we can help the Lords church grow no matter our age.

As we grow older we must realize there is no retirement age for services and work that we should be doing for God. Though we may retire from secular work, we should never retire from the work of the Lord. We all have areas we can help out with and we shouldn't hesitate simply because we are growing older. So long as we are physically able we should help the Lords church grow (Lk 9:62). Even if we are not able to do some of the physical tasks, we can still write cards, make phone calls or prepare meals for those in need. There is always work that can be done and always work that anyone can help to accomplish.

We should remember that even though we grow older, we must also "contend earnestly for the faith" (Jude 3). Even as we grow older we must continue in the steps and the commands of the Bible and, as we have opportunity, help others to do the same (1 Peter 2:21).

How about those younger in age? As I said before there is work for everyone who wishes to be a part of the Lords work. Young boys have the opportunity (once baptized) to help in the services of the church. They, too, can lead prayers, serve on the Lords table, lead songs, devotionals and (when they feel prepared) present gospel sermons! No matter the age there are areas of service and work where all can take part.

Our young ladies can help the older ladies in preparing the Lords supper. They can help make or write cards to those in need. They can attend ladies days and hear the lessons of women who love and serve the Lord just as they do. Our young ladies can help other young ladies behave and be an example for the Lords church as they should. Our youth age children shouldn't be over looked.

Both of these age groups mentioned, the young and the older in the congregation, can be and should be an example to others. They should be an example in word, what they speak, their types of conversations. etc. They should be an example of love and kindness toward others both; church members and non-members. Both should be an example of faith. Allowing others to see the faith you have in God is a great way to evangelize without even realizing it. Both ages should also be an example in purity. They can be examples in purity by remaining pure until marriage as God intended and also by abstaining from drugs and the party scene in general. This goes for both age groups, not just the young.

Let us not forget that we all have various works we can be involved in and it doesn't matter how old or young we are. We all can be an example for others by remaining active and deciding never to retire from the service God requires of us, as well as realizing we can begin our service to Him even when we're young. We all have work to do!