

“The Secret of Long Life”

- I. Some live longer because of the genes they inherited.
- II. Some live longer because they have good health habits.
- III. Some live longer because they have a relaxed temperament.
- IV. Some live longer because they are still bearing fruit in their old age and God needs them.
Psalms 92:12-14
- V. Some live longer because God has a lot of work to do to prepare them for heaven.
Bumper Sticker: (“The more you complain, the longer God makes you live”)
 - A. **Revelation 22:11&12** God does not change our characters at the 2nd coming.
 - B. **2 Peter 3:9-15** God is not willing that any should perish but that all repent.
 - C. **Romans 2:4** It is God’s goodness that leads us to repent. This may take some time.
 - D. **Psalms 90:10&12** We should ask God to teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

- E. **James 4:6-10** Wisdom is learning how to submit to God, resist the devil, cease being double minded so that we can be close to God.
- F. **Philippians 3:20&21** After we submit to God, He is able to subdue all things unto Himself.

“And if we consent, He will so identify Himself with our thoughts and aims, so blend our minds into conformity to His will, that when obeying Him we shall be but carrying our own impulses.” *Desire of Ages, page 668*

- G. **Psalms 139:23&24** If we ask, God will show us what and when we should submit to Him.
- H. **Philippians 2:12** It is our work of submission by faith that makes it possible for God to do His work of saving us.
- I. **Philippians 2:13** Once we complete our work of submission by faith, God is able to begin His work in us of making us willing and able to do His good pleasure.
- J. **Philippians 1:6** We can be confident that as long as we by faith, allow God to do His work in us, He will complete His work of preparing us for heaven.