

My Life in Seven Stages

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1. The Early Years (ages 1 to 15)

“That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death;” Philippians 3:10 (NASU)

2. Starting to Walk with God (ages 16 to 25)

“For I have come to have much joy and comfort in your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, brother.” Philemon 7 (NASU)

3. Learning to Make Good Choices and Trust God (ages 26 to 35)

“Where is the man who fears the Lord? God will teach him how to choose the best. He shall live within God’s circle of blessing and his children shall inherit the earth. Friendship with God is reserved for those who reverence him. With them alone He shares the secrets of His promises.” Psalm 25:12-14 (Living old)

“Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NASU)

4. Building the Foundation (ages 36 to 45)

“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,” declares the LORD. “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.” Isaiah 55:8, 9 (NASU)

5. Danger Ahead! (ages 46 to 55)

“Delight yourself in the LORD; And He will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, and He will do it.”
Psalms 37:4-5 (NASU)

“But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”
Matthew 6:33 (NASU)

“Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.”

1 John 2:15-16 (NASU)

6. Enjoying the Rewards (ages 56 to 70)

*“So naturally we proclaim Christ! We warn every man we meet and teach everyone we can, all that we know about Him, so that if possible we may bring every man up to his full maturity in Christ Jesus. This is what I am working at all the time with all the strength that God gives me.” Col. 1:28, 29 (Phillips) ******

“2 Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving; 3 praying at the same time for us as well, that God will open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ, for which I have also been imprisoned; ...5 Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity. 6 Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person.” Colossians 4:2-6 (NASU)

7. Finishing Well (ages 70 plus)

“Now when Daniel knew that the document was signed, he entered his house (now in his roof chamber he had windows open toward Jerusalem); and he continued kneeling on his knees three times a day, praying and giving thanks before his God, as he had been doing previously.” Daniel 6:10 (NASU) at 83 years of age after 68 years in Babylon

Life is Brief...A Final Warning!

“The length of our days is seventy years — or eighty, if we have the strength; yet their span is but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away”
Psalms 90:10 (NIV)

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