

No. 25 Be a Courageous . . . (Symposium)
 —Older Person

[PLEASE NOTE: This talk includes a video. After the video is shown,
use it to illustrate the points that follow]

WHY OLDER ONES NEED COURAGE (1 min.)

If you are an older servant of Jehovah, we commend you for your loyal
endurance during a difficult time of life (2Co 4:16)

You may find it a challenge to attend meetings, share in the
ministry, and participate in other congregation activities

You may be dealing with declining health, loss of companionship, or
financial worries

In the following video, note what gave one older brother the courage
to endure a variety of challenges that he faced in his lifetime

VIDEO (2 min.)

HOW OLDER ONES CAN CULTIVATE AND DISPLAY COURAGE (5 min.)

Rely on Jehovah for security and hope (Heb 6:10)

Pour out your concerns to Jehovah in prayer (Ps 71:9, 18)

Maintain your spirituality

In his older years, the prophet Daniel continued to focus his
attention on spiritual matters (Da 9:2; ftn.)

Remain a diligent student of the Bible

Make full use of JW Broadcasting, audio recordings, and the
publications to keep up-to-date with Scriptural understanding and
organizational developments

Resist negative thinking

Do not conclude that you are no longer useful to Jehovah (w14 1/15
23-24 ¶4-7)

Those who rely on Jehovah can thrive in old age (Ps 92:12-14)

Be determined to maintain your integrity

Daniel faced new tests in his old age (Da 6:1-9)

He continued to trust in God, and he refused to be intimidated
[Read Daniel 6:10, 11]

Many today have courageously given a fine witness to medical
personnel during a health crisis

Jehovah reassured Daniel of his future hope [Read Daniel 12:13]

Similarly, your future hope is certain; it is 'an anchor for your
soul, both sure and firm' (Heb 6:19)

So whether you are a Bible student, a youth, a publisher, a marriage
mate, a parent, a pioneer, a congregation elder, or an older person,
"be of good courage and say: 'Jehovah is my helper; I will not be
afraid'" (Heb 13:6)

TO BE COVERED IN 8 MINUTES

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