



I recently had a birthday and I'm not revealing my age. Let's just say I'm fully middle-aged. While I was happy and thankful to celebrate another year, I began to wonder if God could still use me. In my mind, I questioned if it's "too late" or if I've wasted too much time and squandered too many opportunities. Middle age is the time in many people's lives when we begin to question if our best days are behind us while counting the number of gray hairs on our heads and the hairs on our chin! (And when the AARP begins to take interest in us.)



But we can be assured by the number of gray-headed people we read about in the Bible that God used even in their advanced years.

One is Joshua. In Chapter 13 of Joshua, the very first verse says that Joshua is an old man.

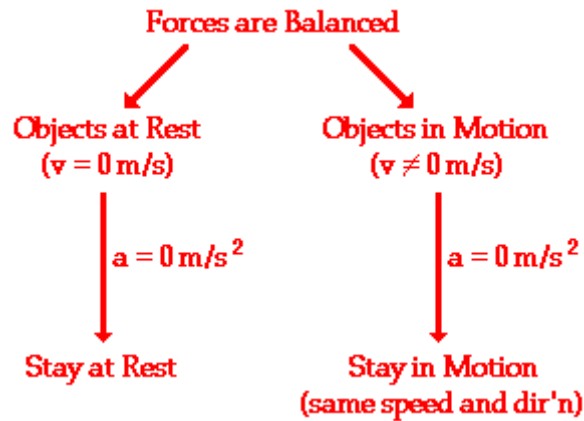
**Joshua 13:1 When Joshua was an old man, the Lord said to him, "You are growing old, and much land remains to be conquered."**

Joshua was an old man but God still had plans for him. He was still speaking to Joshua and He reminded him that even though he was old, he still had work to do. And not just any work, but land to be conquered!

As we age, we may think that God is finished with us but Joshua, Abraham and Sarah and countless of others in the Bible and around us remind us that there is work to be done until God calls us home. Even if we feel like we've wasted time, with God each day is a new day and a new opportunity. We can start where we are...today.



A familiar commercial based on Newton's Law of Motion says "a body in motion stays in



motion, a body at rest stays at rest".

you're finished and God says you're not finished until He calls you home and you hear the words "Well done my good and faithful servant".

Don't rest until

NO matter your age, until you close your eyes in death and open them in the presence of the Lord, God has work for you to do. Keep your ears open and stay in motion! (And don't forget to take advantage of those AARP discounts!!)

## Isaiah 46:4 New International Version (NIV)

<sup>4</sup> Even to your old age and gray hairs  
I am he, I am he who will sustain you.  
I have made you and I will carry you;  
I will sustain you and I will rescue you.

## Proverbs 16:31 New International Version (NIV)

<sup>31</sup> Gray hair is a crown of splendor;



it is attained in the way of righteousness.

## Proverbs 20:29 New International Version (NIV)

<sup>29</sup>The glory of young men is their strength,  
gray hair the splendor of the old.

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