

THERE ARE DAYS OF _____ (vv 5-8)

- A. It may be _____ and even _____ but the result is always the same (vv 5-7a)
- B. There is no _____ chance (v 7b)
- C. So don't hold God at a _____ otherwise all will be _____ (v 8)

A prayer for growing better

I claim my conquered right to be strong and victorious in my complete salvation.

I refuse to be discouraged.

I reject all emotions that make me feel defeated.

I choose to live as one who is more than a conqueror through Jesus Christ my Lord.

I will not be afraid of life's passages because at night faith closes the doors, and in the morning God's mercy opens the doors.

—Generations—

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Before It's Too Late

Ecclesiastes 12:1-8

(This is the 5th in a series of messages on Generations)

The Builder Generation is made up of people who were born prior to 1946 and includes some 59 million people or 21 percent of the U.S. population. Various names have been coined to describe the Builders. Some describe them today: Suppies (senior, urban professionals), Opals (older people with active lifestyles), Rappies (retired, affluent professionals), Whoopies (well-heeled older people), and Grumpies (grown-up mature people). Tom Brokaw simply referred to them as the "Greatest Generation".

"Perhaps the most characteristic names are Strivers, Survivors and Builders. Whether as adults or children, Builders strived through World War I and World War II. They survived Black Tuesday, the Great Depression and Pearl Harbor. Through tough times and with hard work they built families, traditions, values, homes, friendships, communities, churches, and the greatest nation in the world."

Builders tend to be more thoughtful, considerate, and kind to others than the succeeding generations. Theirs was not a "me" generation as much as a "we" generation. They go out of their way to help neighbors and support each other in times of need.

Builders see value in self-discipline, sticking together, and staying with the task in the face of any adversity. "If the job is worth doing, it's worth doing well," is their motto.

Unfortunately with all that is great about this generation, they won't live forever. Dark and stormy days are on the horizon. In Solomon's wisdom he would say - **Get serious about God while your strength is with you because the difficulties you will encounter later in life will be a potential stumbling block.**

THERE ARE DAYS OF _____ (v 1)

- A. The _____ time for choices is in _____
- B. Sadly youth does not last _____

THERE ARE DAYS OF _____ (vv 2-5)

- A. There will be " _____ " days (v 2a)
- B. There will be _____ days (v 2b)
- C. There will be _____ days (vv 3-5)
 - 1. Our _____ and _____ decline
 - 2. Our _____ declines
 - 3. _____ becomes difficult
 - 4. _____ becomes challenged
 - 5. _____ becomes difficult
 - 6. The _____ slips
 - 7. _____ and _____ sets in
 - 8. _____ is drained easily
 - 9. _____ fade