

“Seasons”

Ecclesiastes 3:1 says *“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens...”* Many of my friends, like me, are getting older, and many (if not most) of them have physical ailments, and one comment almost every one makes is “I just want to get back to the way I was before all this happened to me!” Truth is our “seasons” are very much like the life of a tree: in the spring, buds burst forth, producing leaves full of life as we progress to our summer years, and then turning color (some very vibrant) in the fall of our lives, but when our winter season comes, we shed those leaves and our lives can become rather barren.

Isaiah 43:18 says we should *“Forget the former things; do not dwell on (or in) the past.”* One issue I see with so many older people is that they are so intent on trying to get back to “what was,” they can’t enjoy what is available to them right now! Jesus said He came not just to give us the hope of eternal life, but to give us life more abundantly NOW, right in the midst of whatever season we happen to be in!

Every day God gives us is a blessing - a gift to use as we see fit. How we live each day is a choice we have - we can live each day full of regrets, thinking “what if” or “if only,” or we can choose to live each day with a positive, thankful and hopeful attitude. Choose wisely! Amen!