

One Thing We All Have in Common

(Proverbs 9:10-11 & Psalm 37:25)

INTRODUCTION: *So . . . what is the one thing we have in common?*

(Actually it is 3 things)

I. MANY OF US HANDLE OUR AGING BY DENYING IT

A. We tell ourselves we are not getting older

1. My doctor tells me I have “old age disease” ☺
2. We do everything we can to hide it . . .

B. Some live in a make believe world where no one ages . . .
or everyone does but me

1. *The 50th high school reunion*
2. *Living in “Neverland” with Peter Pan*

C. God’s Word is realistic (Psalm 37:25)

1. Young folks: “You ain’t seen nuthin’ yet!”
2. *Robert Browning’s poem: “Grow Old Along with Me!”*

II. OUR MODERN WAY OF LIFE

OFTEN DEVALUES OLDER PEOPLE

A. Many modern assumptions are anti-Christian

1. *The Broadway play: “Cats”*
2. *Rutgers University study re: older people on TV*

B. But . . . what does God’s Word say?

(Proverbs 9:10-11 & Psalm 71:17-18)

C. Let’s look at the Gospel-filled promises from the classic hymn –

Rock of Ages



III. AGING CAN BE SEEN AS A GIFT OF GOD & A LOVING REMINDER

A. A sign of God’s faithfulness

B. An opportunity to teach young people the blessings
of a life lived for Jesus

C. A reminder that this life is not our final home

CONCLUSION: *The hilarious 100 year old birthday girl* ☺