

***Sermon Title:*** "TOO YOUNG TO GET OLD"

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Central Idea: We are never too young or too old to serve the Lord. Are you actively serving the Lord?

Introduction: Caleb demonstrates that we are never too old to serve the Lord. His faithfulness through many decades qualified him for special blessing from God and even renewed responsibilities in his declining years. Caleb illustrates the truth that "through faith and patience we inherit the promises." (Hebrews 6:12)

I. A Summary of the Position, vv. 1-5

II. Caleb's Request, vv. 6-12

1. He remembers God's promise, vv. 6-7.
2. He remembers his own commitments, vv. 8-9.
3. He remembers God's faithfulness, vv. 10-12.

III. Joshua's Response, vv. 13-15

1. He blessed Caleb, v. 13.
2. He gave him Hebron, v. 13.

Conclusion: What an example for us to follow! Age did not hinder him; the disappointments of the past did not embitter him; and giants did not frighten him! At a time in life when others were looking for security and ease, Caleb was saying, "Give me this mountain!" (v. 12). His secret? "He wholly followed the Lord God of Israel." (v. 14).