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Sunday, May 29, 2016

# "IN FOR THE LONG HAUL"

(Psalm 71)

Life expectancy in our nation continues to grow. We are living longer and mature adults make up a significant percentage of our total population. Many people will live a long time. How many people will live a long time while continuing to live well before God?

1. We need to	(v. 1).
2. We need to	(v. 3).
3. We need to	(v. 6).
4. We need to	(v. 14).
5. Finish well with	(v. 9, 18).

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### 1. We need to know God (v. 1).

# 2. We need to trust God (v. 3).

"That is why I am suffering here in prison. But I am not ashamed of it, for I know the one in whom I trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until the day of his return" (2 Timothy 1:12, NLT).

#### 3. We need to worship God (v. 6).

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near" (Hebrews 10:24-25, ESV).

## 4. We need to place our hope in God (v. 14).

# 5. Finish well with an eye on the goal (v. 9, 18).

"One thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:13-14, ESV).

"To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder, a witness of Christ's sufferings and one who also will share in the glory to be revealed: Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be" (1 Peter 5:1-2a, NIV).