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NOT TOO OLD TO BEAR FRUIT

I love to grow things and have many plants. A friend gave me a Christmas Cactus about 25 years ago that was absolutely fruitful. It was huge and the flowers it produced were in abundance. Over the years we have cut off branches from it and have had remarkable success growing new Christmas Cactuses. Yet, the original cactus had come to a place where it was not fruitful. Many of its branches had fallen off, leaving it looking very unhealthy and it had not blossomed for several years. I considered getting rid of it. I felt like it had served its time, and it was time to let it go.

God had other plans. One day my husband learned that if you put coffee grounds in its soil, that it would nurture the plant. He did just that and it came back to life. It started putting out beautiful blossoms again, and it now looks like it did when it was "youthful." I learned a lesson about plants.

It seems we are a lot like that cactus. We may have been very active and fruitful in our younger years, but now we feel we are not as useful. That is a lie from the devil. If we look at the life of Moses, we see longevity. He was 120 years old when the Lord called him home. In Deuteronomy 34:7 it says, ***"And Moses was an hundred and twenty years old when he died: his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated."*** You might say, that was then, but times are different.

Times may be different, but Isaiah 40:31 has a promise that negates that thought. It says, ***"They that wait upon the Lord [that is you and me] shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."*** Now that is a promise for you and me regardless of age.

Yes, like that old cactus you might need something to rejuvenate you, and that comes from the Word of God. Everything that brings a Christian success comes through faith. Faith comes from the Word of God. Read the promises over yourself, and believe God for them. Do not accept that you will not bear fruit in your later years. You have learned a great deal of life's lessons that many need to hear.

Read 2 Peter 1:3-7 for the instructions to have a long life. Then verse 8 tells us, ***"For if these things be in you, [vs. 3-7] and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."***

Start believing today that the most fruitful time of your life is right now!