**Aging**

**You shall rise before the gray headed
and honor the presence of an old man.
*(Leviticus 19:32)***

**Man: “Earl, this is my friend, Howard. He turns fifty next month, and he’s very excited about getting his AARP card. You know, for the discounts and such.” Earl: “You only have to be fifty to join the AARP?” Man: “That’s right.” Earl: “Geesh! You young whippersnappers have to get your mitts into everything!” *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

**Greek God Retirement Home: Mother Goose says to the doctor: “Now it’s my Achilles back, Achilles knee and Achilles hip joint.” *(Mike Peters, in Mother Goose & Grimm comic strip)***

**The older you get, the more important it is to not act your age. *(Country magazine)*
Our minister announced that admission to a church social event would be six dollars per person. “However, if you’re over 65,” he said, “the price will be only $5.50.” From the back of the congregation a woman’s voice rang out: “Do you really think I’d give you that information for only 50 cents?” *(Neil Gathright, in Reader’s Digest)***

**Adolescence is a period of rapid change. While a child is between the ages of 12 and 17, a parent may age as much as 20 years*. (Bits & Pieces)***

**One of the greatest advantages of our later years is that we no longer have to scream; we can talk. We don't have to run; we can walk. We have the time to examine the quality of life and to work for ourselves on its improvement. We need no longer feel driven by idols of the marketplace. We can do more of what we like, rather than what we were told we'd like. *(Allan Fromme, in 50 Plus)*
You know you’re past your prime when, if you brag about having an affair, someone asks who catered it. *(Elizabeth Sphar)***

**In Hollywood, there are only three ages for women: babe, district attorney, and Driving Miss Daisy. *(Olivia Goldsmith, in The First Wives Club)***

**You can live to be a hundred if you give up all the things that make you want to live to be a hundred. *(Woody Allen, in Interiors)***

**It’s an awful thing to grow old alone. My wife hasn’t admitted to having a birthday in six years. *(The PassTime Paper)***

**The thing about getting old is the number of things you think that you can’t say aloud because it would be too shocking. *(Doris Lessing)***

**Most people don't grow up. Most people age. *(Maya Angelou)***

**I'm not afraid of growing older. My grandmother was the center of our family. I would love to be like her -- the grandmother of the family, the godfather of the clan. *(Jennifer Aniston)***

**Lance: “Today is the anniversary of the day the Beatles first appeared on “The Ed Sullivan Show”. I remember it like it was yesterday!” Axel: “Jeez, how old are you, anyway?” Lance: “Comic strip characters never age, Axel. I still remember where I was the day Luck Lindy landed!” (*J. C. Duffy, in The Fusco Brothers comic strip)***

**Grimm: “In the future, archaeologists will learn a lot about cavedogs. simply by observing old fossils.” Mother Goose: “Why do you keep looking at me like that?” *(Mike Peters, in Mother Goose & Grimm comic strip)
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Grandpa: “You know, boys, in my day I was quite the athlete. I was offered contracts to play pro basketball, baseball and football.” Lola: “The older he gets the better he used to be.” *(Steve Dickenson & Todd Clark, in Lola comic strip)*
I am more athletically inclined than my husband and frequently engage in biking, canoeing, and other strenuous activities. Several years ago, when my husband was 60, he came inside after a day of yard work and collapsed into his favorite chair, bemoaning the aches and pains of his advancing age. Attempting to comfort him, I reminded him that when we were newly-weds, we had looked forward to growing old together. “Yes,” he replied, “but you haven’t kept your end of the bargain." *(Barbara Littlefield, in Reader’s Digest)***

***\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\**Mom: “I’m going to miss you girls!” First girl: “We’ll miss you too!” Mom: “Be good for great Aunt Margie. She’s older now, maybe a little frail.” Second girl: “Her last e-mail said, ‘Gotta run - My scuba class is photographing sharks today.’” Mom: “Call me every night.” *(Jan Eliot, in Stone Soup comic strip)***

 **The average age of people worldwide is 23. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**Growing old is no more than a bad habit which a busy person has no time to form. *(Andre Maurois)***

**The man who wants to look younger doesn’t get as much advice on the subject as the woman who so wishes. “Because it’s not easy,” says a lifelong barber. “All you have to do is keep your hair cut short.” *(L. M. Boyd)***

**What could be more beautiful than a dear old lady growing wise with age? Every age can be enchanting, provided you live within it. *(Brigitte Bardot)***

**A man is not old until regrets take the place of dreams. *(John Barrymore, actor)*
A little boy asked his grandmother what year she was born. She replied “1924.” “Wow!” the boy exclaimed. “If you were a baseball card, you’d be worth lots of money!” *(Dr. Delia Sellers, in Abundant Living magazine)***

**While I was styling an elderly client’s hair in the beauty shop where I worked, we started talking about old age. “One of the biggest problems with growing old is having all your friends die,” she said. “Of course,” she added with a twinkle in her eye, “so do your enemies.” *(Esther Reedy, in Reader’s Digest)***

***\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\**Aging doesn’t begin at 40, 50, or 60 years old. It begins the day you are born. (*Nicole Ericson, in Let’s Live magazine)***

**Axel: “Are you desperately clinging to the idea that life begins at 40, Lance?” Lance: “Hmm. If that’s true, does that make it legal to kill 16-year-olds?” *(J. C. Duffy, in The Fusco Brothers comic strip)***

**Among people in their 30s, men tell pollsters old age begins in the late 60s, women say in the 70s. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**Life not only begins at 40, it also begins to show. *(Rocky Mountain News)***

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**Grandpa: “Do you know the best part about getting old?” Other man: “No. I don’t believe I do. What is it?” Grandpa: “I have no idea. I was hoping you could tell me.” *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

**The older I get, the better I used to be. *(Bumper sticker)***

**Having survived a lot of serious ailments, my 80-year-old husband, Alex, remarked to his cardiologist, “I guess I’m a tough old bird.” When the doctor asked him what kind of bird he thought he might be, Alex replied, “I’m not sure. But I’m happy to be off that endangered species list.” *(Gloria L. Hall, in Reader’s Digest)*

Axel: “Happy birthday, Lance! How old are you?” Lance: “Let’s just stick with whatever age I claimed to be last year.” *(J. C. Duffy, in The Fusco Brothers comic strip)***

**Your body parts don’t age at the same rate as one another, says a doctor. Your teeth may be 30 when your hair is 55 or your lungs 40 when your legs are 60. *(L. M. Boyd)*
Dolly says to her mother about her little brother: “PJ doesn’t look like he was born in the last century.” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

**The bowhead's aging secrets: In an effort to find keys to longer life, scientists at the University of Liverpool have sequenced the genome of the bowhead whale, which has an average life span of 200 years. The research has so far revealed several mutations in the whales' genes that are thought to be connected with repairing damaged DNA, an insight that may help explain why bowheads and other large marine mammals have such remarkably low rates of cancer. Other revelations from the bowhead genome may provide similar clues about the whale's cell cycles, body temperatures, and overall aging process. "Different long-lived species use different tricks to evolve long life spans," lead researcher Joao Pedro de Magalhaes tells Live-Science.com. "By identifying novel maintenance and repair mechanisms, we hope to learn the secret for living longer." *(The Week magazine, January 23, 2015)***

**Doctor: “We’ve achieved a major breakthrough in slowing the aging of the spine.” Ernest: “Disc brakes!” *(Bob Thaves, in Frank & Ernest comic strip)***

**I don't want to be younger; I just want to look it. *(Christie Brinkley, supermodel, businesswoman, and actress)***

**The most important thing to save for old age is yourself. *(Clifton Burke)***

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**Dear Geri: You’ll know you’re old when everything hurts and what doesn’t hurt doesn’t work; when you get winded playing chess; when your favorite part of the newspaper is “25 Years Ago Today”; when you stoop to tie your shoelaces and ask yourself, “What else can I do while I’m down here?”; when everybody goes to your birthday party and stands around the cake just to get warm. *(George Burns)***

**Dear Aging: I stay away from natural foods. At my age I need all the preservatives I can get. On the other hand, what could be wrong with a high-fiber diet? When was the last time you saw a fat moth? *(George Burns)***

**You can’t help getting older, but you don’t have to get old. *(George Burns)***

**“How many cigars a day do you smoke?” I once asked him. “About 15,” George Burns replied. “Three doctors told me to stop the cigars years ago. Of these three, two are already dead -- and the third one has been coughing a lot lately.” *(Maurice Zolotow, in Reader’s Digest)***

**I have two martinis every night. I also smoke 15 cigars every day. What would my doctor say? I dunno. He’s dead. *(George Burns)***

**Another thing you can say of comedian George Burns. He’s about as old as Utah. *(L. M. Boyd)*
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**In Texas, former First Lady Barbara Bush is regarded as a kind of Queen Mum. In a speech at a posh Houstonian hotel, she ran down the list of groups she’s spoken to. “My absolute favorite: the National Association of Plastic Surgeons. I was scared to death,” she dead-panned. “I thought they were going to rush the stage.” *(Martha Brant & Weston Kosova, in Newsweek)***

**What do Bedouins do with their old camels? Turn them loose, to find their own range. Their noses are pretty good at that. *(L. M. Boyd)*Eighty-one percent of all cancers are diagnosed after age 54. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**April: “Can’t catch me! Can’t catch me!” Elizabeth: “That’s enough, April. I can’t play any more. I’m exhausted!” Mom: “Elizabeth, you’re not getting old, are you?” *(Lynn Johnston, in For Better Or For Worse comic strip)***

**If you carry your childhood with you, you never become older. *(Abraham Sutzkever)***

**Once you pass age 65, your chances are 1-in-2 of reaching age 75. Once you pass age 75, your chances are 1-in-4 of reaching age 85. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**Children are a good comfort in your old age -- and they help you reach it faster. *(Thomas La Mance, in The Saturday Evening Post)***

**An archeologist is the best husband any woman can have -- the older she gets, the more interested he is in her. *(Agatha Christie)***

**Winston Churchill, who lived long years despite alleged smoking and drinking indiscretions, exceeded life expectancy, but not life span. *(Betty Kamen, in Let’s Live magazine)***

**I am profoundly grateful to old age, which has increased my eagerness for conversation and taken away that for food and drink. *(Cicero)*
It is a mistake to regard age as a downhill grade toward dissolution. The reverse is true. As one grows older, one climbs with surprising strides.
*(George Sand)***

**About the only thing that comes to us without effort is old age. *(Gloria Pitzer, in Quote magazine)***

**It’s hard to convince some people that they’re of retirement age, especially those 10-year-olds at bedtime. (*Rudy Joe Mano, in Catholic Digest)*
Crankshaft: “Now that I’m retired, I’ll have some time to perfect my cooking skills!” Other man: “I think you would have needed to retire long before this, Ed!” *(Tom Batiuk & Chuck Ayers, in Crankshaft comic strip)***

**“I don’t know what to wear to the costume party,” complained my father’s friend. “We’re to dress according to our occupation, and I’m retired.” “Wear loafers,” my father suggested. *(Karen Wight, in Reader’s Digest)***

**I just got old and couldn’t help it. *(Jean Louise Calment, age 117, listed by the Guinness Book of World Records as the world’s oldest person.)*
Count your life by smiles, not tears. Count your age by friends, not years. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**Helga says to her lady friend: “I’ll tell you one thing, whoever said: ‘Couples grow old gracefully, never saw my husband dance!” *(Dik Browne, in Hagar The Horrible comic strip)***

**How foolish to think one could ever slam the door in the face of age. Much wiser to be polite and gracious and ask him to lunch in advance. *(Noel Coward, in The Wall Street Journal)***

**I’m at the age where food has taken the place of sex in my life. I’ve just had a mirror put over my kitchen table. *(Rodney Dangerfield)***

**Patient to psychiatrist: "Here I am at the dangerous age and there's no danger." *(Chon Day, in Psychology Today)***

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A widow, my friend Casey was dating again at age 62. Once, she was sitting in a golf cart when her escort reached over, patted her leg and said, “Now I suppose you’re going to tell me I can look but don’t touch.” “Robert,” Casey quipped, “at my age you can touch -- but don’t look!” *(Nancy Albert, in Reader’s Digest)***

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**The really frightening thing about middle age is the knowledge that you'll grow out of it. Middle age is youth without levity, and age without decay. *(Doris Day)***

**You have to stay in shape. My grandmother started walking five miles a day when she was 60. She’s 97 today and we don’t know where she is. *(Ellen DeGeneres, in Catholic Digest)*

Nelson: “What’s this word, Grampa?” Grandpa: “Depreciation. That means that things become worth less and less as they get older. That doesn’t apply to grandpas, of course.” *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

**The longer you both stay alive, the less any difference in your ages will matter. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**I'm at an age when my back goes out more than I do. *(Phyllis Diller)***

**My friend’s 89-year-old mother had a dizzy spell at a bank, and the paramedics were called. To determine whether she was disoriented, they started asking her basic questions such as her name, the day and year. After the third question, the woman looked at the medic and said, “Young man, I use my balance -- not my marbles.” *(Gail B. Mini, in Reader’s Digest)*
If you can still do at 60 what you did at 20, it means you weren’t doing much at 20. *(Rocky Mountain News)***

**Please don’t ask what my age is. I’d really rather not say. But I will confess to sending fan mail to the company that makes Retin-A. *(Susan Holdridge, in The Saturday Evening Post)***

**Years ago I thought old age would be dreadful, because I should not be able to do things I would want to do. Now I find there is nothing I want to do after all. *(British politician Nancy Astor)*
Servant: “That’s old Fudd -- he’s one hundred years old, and he still drinks two martinis a day!” Hagar: “Wow! How is he able to do that?” Servant: “The bartender holds his glass.” *(Dik Browne, in Hagar The Horrible comic strip)
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My aunt, a with-it senior citizen, came with us on a drive upstate. Arriving at our motel, we were anxious to settle my aunt in after the long trip. My husband, George, accompanied her to a room, turned the key, and opened the door with a flourish. To their surprise, the previous tenant was still very much in evidence. He was, in fact, “air-drying” after a shower. “Oh, George,” said my aunt. “You do think of everything!” *(Lynda Franciscovich, in Reader’s Digest)***

**Son: “What are you watching?” Father: “Senior auto racing.” Son: “Seniors?” Father: “Yeah, it’s like the seniors tour in golf. All the participants are over 50!” Son: “That probably explains why so many of them are driving with their blinkers on.” *(Kevin Fagan, in Drabble comic strip)***

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**I'm a firm believer in the longer you live, the better you get. *(Bob Dylan)***

**A six-year-old earthworm is about as old as it’s going to get. *(L. M. Boyd)***

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**As Drabble is exercising, he says to himself: “I’ll either live to be a hundred, or die trying.” (*Kevin Fagan, in Drabble comic strip)
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The man says to the woman who is gardening: “What do you mean old age? My other elbow is the same age and it don’t hurt.” *(Hardison, The Saturday Evening Post cartoon)*
Rose and friend: “We’d like senior citizen discounts, please!” Movie attendant: “Your unwrinkly faces don’t look very senior to me!” Rose and friend: “Our elbows are quite elderly!” *(Pat Brady, in Rose Is Rose comic strip)***

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**I don't believe one grows older. I think that what happens early on in life is that at a certain age, one stands still and stagnates. *(T. S. Eliot)***

**Jenkins started a new job and became friendly with a long-time employee. “Do you like it here?” Jenkins asked. “It’s great,” answered the old-timer. “Not only do we have a good pension plan, but working here ages you faster.” *(The Larry Wilde Treasury of Laughter)***

**Girl: “Y’know, you’re very even-tempered. I really admire that about you.” Grandma: “Thanks. When you get to be sixty-two, you learn not to sweat the small stuff. Hey, what happened to the ‘Arts’ section of the paper? It was right here.” Boy: “Oh, I spilled soda on it. So I threw it away. I thought you didn’t sweat the small stuff.” Grandma: “When you’re sixty-two, the crossword puzzle isn’t small stuff.” *(Steve Breen, in Grand Avenue comic strip)***

**Everyone gets younger: South Koreans all turned one year younger this week, after the country changed the way it calculates age to fall in line with the rest of the world. Under the traditional Korean system, children were considered a year old at birth, effectively counting their time in utero, and one year was added not on their birthdays but every Jan. 1. That meant a baby born in December would be labeled two years old the next month. President Yoon Suk Yeol had campaigned on abolishing the old system, saying it created “unnecessary social and economic costs” and had led to legal disputes over eligibility for government benefits. Polls showed South Koreans overwhelmingly supported using the international standard. (The Week magazine, July 7/July 14, 2023)**

**Geech: “Hello, Homer, what are you doing here?” Homer: “Oh, I’m just doing my morning exercise.” Geech: “Sitting is your exercise?” Homer: “No, I’m waiting to get my second wind.” Geech: “How long does that take?” Homer: “I don’t know. I’ve never had a first wind yet.” *(Jerry Bittle, in Geech comic strip)***

**The older a man gets, the farther he had to walk to school. *(Dorothy Galyean, in Quips and Quotes and Cleaned up Jokes)***

**Currently, the fastest growing age group is 80 to 85. *(L. M. Boyd)***

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**Nelson: “What does it feel like to be old, Grandpa?” Grandpa: Old? Well, I don’t really think of myself as old. In fact, most of my friends consider me quite young.” Grandma: “Most of his friends are redwood trees.” *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

**Being a grandmother didn’t make me feel old until one day when my grandson David asked me, “Are you my ancestor?” *(Janet Kelly, in Country Woman magazine)***

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**The aging process has you firmly in its grasp if you never get the urge to throw a snowball. *(Doug Larson, aphorist)***

**Overheard: “I’d say I’m pretty fit for a man of 60. First thing each morning, I bend down and touch my slippers 50 times. Then, if I feel like it, I get out of bed and put them on. (*Ann Pitt, in Reminisce Extra)***

**Aging has its benefits. It also has its flaws. One of the things I dislike most - is that thing called mental pause. *(B. L. Sherrell)***

**I like being over the hill. I've discovered there's a whole new landscape. *(Jane Fonda)***

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**Man says to woman: “Years ago, I used to drink to forget. Now I forget without drinking.” *(Berry’s World comic strip)***

**Son: “I was going to tell you something, Mother. And now I completely forgot what it was.” Lola: “It’s a sign of aging, Son. You’ve hit mental pause.” *(Steve Dickenson & Todd Clark, in Lola comic strip)***

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**When I was twenty-one, I expected to be dead by the time I was thirty; I thought poets were supposed to die young. I wonder if I was older at twenty-one than I am now. *(James Dillet Freeman)***

**An elderly man was walking along a country road when he spotted a frog sitting on a rock. “If you kiss me,” the frog said, “I’ll turn into a beautiful young princess and grant you all your desires.” The man picked up the frog, put it in his pocket and continued his walk. “Hey!” the frog called out. “You didn’t kiss me.” “I thought it over,” the man said. “At my age, I’d rather have a talking frog.” *(Jo Prater, in Reminisce Extra magazine)***

**I cut my own hair. I got sick of barbers because they talk too much. And too much of their talk was about my hair falling out. *(Robert Frost)***

**A man was encouraging his elderly mother to enjoy the money she had accumulated through frugal living. “Mom,” he said. “You have enough money to last you until you’re at least 100.” “Sure,” she replied. “And then what will I do?” *(Herm Albright, in The Saturday Evening Post)*
I do think about aging. I have those moments of panic and vanity, but life keeps getting better, so you can't worry about it too much. *(Jennifer Garner, American actress)***

**It’s hard to say when one generation ends and the next begins--but it’s somewhere around nine or ten at night. *(Charles Ruffing, in Family Weekly)***

**The latest book by Dr. Isadore Rosenfeld, Live Now, Age Later: Proven Ways To Slow Down the Clock, spells out step by step specific ways to hold back the aging process, symptom by symptom. Of course there’s nothing like good genes. But if you are not blessed like Winston Churchill -- who smoked, drank, overate, and was overstressed, yet lived into his 90s -- reading and heeding Dr. Rosenfeld may be the key. *(Parade magazine)***

**As her 90th birthday approached, a woman was asked what she would like for a gift. “Give me a kiss,” she finally replied. “Then I won’t have to dust it!” *(Companion)
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Hagar: “Dr. Zook says as we grow older there are certain things we have to give up for health reasons.” Servant: “What are you going to give up?” Hagar: “Going to the opera.” *(Dik Browne, in Hagar The Horrible comic strip)***

**Most people say that as you get old, you have to give up things. I think you get old because you give up things. *(Senator Theodore Francis Green)***

***\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\**On October 29, 1998, the space shuttle Discovery blasted off, returning 77-year-old U.S. Senator John Glenn to space some 36 years after he became the first American in orbit. Glenn was part of a crew of seven astronauts shepherding scientific payloads on the shuttle mission. *(The Daily Chronicle)*Regardless of my age, God always seems to think I’m too young, and keeps making me older. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**Grandma: “I’m going out for awhile, Earl.” Earl: “Okay.” Grandma: “Don’t you want to know where I’m going?” Earl: “Nope. I trust you.” Grandma: “I’m going to the fabric store to get some yard and some thread.” Earl: “Have a good time, dear.” Grandpa then says to a friend: “When you’ve been married as long as we have, you don’t care so much where your wife goes as long as she doesn’t make you go with her.” *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

**The best advice on aging is this: What's the alternative? *(Whoopi Goldberg)***

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Lance says to Axel: “The only good thing about getting older is that my horrible driver’s license picture from four years ago doesn’t look so bad anymore.” *(J. C. Duffy, in The Fusco Brothers comic strip)***

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**As the two birds sit on the man’s bald head, one says to the other: “Eighty years old and he doesn’t have a gray hair on his head.” *(Jim Unger, in Herman comic strip)***

**The great thing about getting older is that you don’t lose all the other ages you’ve been. *(Madeleine L’Engle)*
 Most of us hope that when we find the greener pastures, we’ll still be able to climb the fence. *(Catholic Digest)***

**It you think you’re too old for growing pains -- try spading a garden.
*(Selected Cryptograms)***

**The day my son’s great grandmother turned 90, she said she didn’t know how she had lived so many years. “Gramma,” my little one guessed, “maybe your guardian angel lost count.” *(Nelsina Roberts, in Country Woman magazine)***

**A man asks his guru, “Do you have anything that stops the aging process?” “Sure,” the guru responds. “What kind of disease would you like?” *(Rocky Mountain News)***

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**The whiter my hair becomes, the more ready people are to believe what I say. *(Bernard Baruch, philosopher)***

**Barber: “Have a seat, Ralph!” Ralph: “Thanks, Jerry!” Barber: “How have you been?” Ralph: “Fine, thanks!” Barber: “How’s the family?” Ralph: “Oh, they’re . . .” Barber: “All done!” Ralph: “My haircuts don’t take as long as they used to!” *(Kevin Fagan, in Drabble comic strip)***

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**It’s hard to believe how old I am -- but harder to believe how old I may become. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)+***

**Old age is having too much room in the house and not enough in the medicine cabinet. *(Orben's Current Comedy)***

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**Age is not important unless you’re a cheese. *(Helen Hayes)***

**The hardest years in life are those between ten and seventy. *(Helen Hayes – at age 73)***

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**I was having lunch with several thirty-something friends when talk turned to the dismal prospect of our growing older. “Well, judging by my mother,” I said, “at least my hearing will improve. Mother can hear my biological clock ticking from 200 miles away.” *(Sherry Yates, in Reader’s Digest)***

**I think we’re finally at the point where we’ve learned to see death with a sense of humor. I have to. When you’re my age, it’s as if you’re a car. First a tire blows, and you get that fixed. Then a headlight goes, and you get that fixed. And then one day, you drive into a shop, and the man says, “Sorry, Miss, they don’t have this make anymore.” *(Katherine Hepburn)***

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**Old age is 15 years older than I am. *(Oliver Wendell Holmes)***

**A person is always startled when he hears himself seriously called an old man for the first time. *(Oliver Wendell Holmes)***

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**I wanted to brighten a senior citizen’s day--but I couldn’t find one at home! *(Dr. Delia Sellers, in Abundant Living magazine)***

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**My doctor says I’ve got everything going for me. Unfortunately, he can’t stop any of it from going. *(Bob Hope)***

**Bob Hope is often asked why he doesn’t retire and go fishing. He has one stock answer, “Fish don’t applaud.” *(With Melville Shavelson, in Don’t Shoot, It’s Only Me)***

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**During her doctor's visit, a woman asked, "How do you determine whether or not an older person should be put into a retirement home?" "We fill up a bathtub," the doctor said. "Then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup, and a bucket to the person to empty the bathtub." "I get it," the woman replied. "A normal person would use the bucket because it's bigger than the spoon or the teacup." "No," the doctor countered, "a normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near the window?" (Mary A. Berger, in The Saturday Evening Post)**

**If you don’t learn to laugh at trouble, you won’t have anything to laugh at when you grow old. *(Edgar Howe)***

**Nobody knows the age of the human race, but all agree that it is old enough to know better. *(Quoted in Guide Word)***

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**Nelson: “Does it hurt being old, Grandpa?” Grandpa: “Sometimes. Especially when I first get out of bed. In fact, if you’re my age and you wake up in the morning without pain, it means you’re probably dead.” *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

**Nelson: “Grampa, what does it feel like to be old?” Grandpa: “Well, for one thing, everything hurts. Except for the parts that are numb. But other than that it feels great!” *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

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**Inside every older person is a younger person – wondering what the hell happened. *(Cora Harvey Armstrong)
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I grow more intense as I age. *(Florida Scott-Maxwell)***

**When you're over the hill, that's when you pick up speed. *(Quincy Jones, in Parade magazine)***

**You can judge your age by the amount of pain you feel when you come in contact with a new idea. *(Sydney J. Harris)***

**Not to be able to grow old is just as ridiculous as to be unable to outgrow childhood. *(Carl G. Jung, psychiatrist)***

**A woman celebrating her 80th birthday received a jury-duty notice. She called to remind the clerk that she was exempt because of her age. “You need to come in and fill out the exemption forms,” the receptionist said. “I did that last year,” the woman replied. “You have to do it every year,” she was told. “Why?” came the response. “Do you think I’m going to get younger?” *(Rocky Mountain News)***

**Anyone who keeps the ability to see beauty never grows old. *(Franz Kafka)***

**This matriarch of an American political dynasty said, "I know not age, nor weariness nor defeat." - Rose Kennedy. *(The Daily Chronicle)***

**Nelson: “It’s weird to think that you used to be a little kid like me, Grampa.” Grandpa: “Well, it’s true, I was. In some ways I still feel like a little kid.” Nelson: “I guess you’re kind of like an antique little kid.” *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

**How come the older we get the later old age starts? *(Approved Crossword Puzzles)*
\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*My grandmother had a pain in her leg, so she went to see the doctor. “How old are you?” he asked. “I’ll be 84 in a month,” she replied. “Your problem is very simple,” the doctor said. “You happen to be getting a little old.” “Wait a minute,” the spanky patient challenged. “I have another leg that’s the same age, and it doesn’t bother me at all!” *(Sister Marie Scaletty, in Reminisce Extra magazine)*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\***

**Did you watch the Grammy’s? With performances by Madonna, Sly Stone and Steven Tyler, it was more like the Granny’s. *(Jay Leno)***

**A 79-year-old woman in Chicago was arrested for robbing a bank. She’s being extradited to Florida so she can be tried as a juvenile. *(Jay Leno)***

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**Only one person in two billion will live to be 116 or older. *(Kids' Pages, 2007)***

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**Age does not protect you from love. But love, to some extent, protects you from age. *(Jeanne Moreau)***

**I used to think that one didn't make friends as one got older. ... Sometimes, unaccountably, a new person walks into your life, and you find you are never too old to love again*. (Dominique Browning, in The New York Times)***

**Those who love deeply never grow old; they may die of old age, but they die young. *(Sir Arthur Wing Pinero, English dramatist)***

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**It wasn’t until quite late in life that I discovered how easy it is to say “I don’t know.” *(W. Somerset Maugham, English writer)***

**May you live as long as you want to. May you want to as long as you live. *(Celtic toast)***

**Old age is like a plane flying through a storm. Once you are aboard, there is nothing you can do. *(Golda Meir)***

**A melancholy lesson of advancing years is the realization that you can't make old friends. *(Christopher Hitchens)***

**The older I grow the more I distrust the familiar doctrine that age brings wisdom. *(H. L. Mencken, in Prejudices)***

**Middle age is the time when a man is always thinking that in a week or two he will feel as good as ever. *(Don Marquis)***

**Helen Mirren doesn't miss being young, said Louise Gannon in The Daily Telegraph (U.K.). "One of the best things about getting older is finally being relieved of the whole sex-symbol tag," says the British actress, who recently turned 70. Mirren always had a casual attitude toward her looks. "I sunbathe -- I know I shouldn't but I love sitting in the sun. I drink wine and occasionally I'll drink to excess. I eat French fries. I've never managed to go to the gym for longer than two months. Life is too short and too precious." Mirren is also comfortable with the changes that time has wrought in her personality. When she was younger, her mother sat her down and told her not to worry about getting old. "She told me when I was 20 I would dread the idea of being 40. But that when I was 40 I would never want to be 20 again. It meant nothing to me at the time, but she was so right and I always think of it. Each age you become reveals a new person. I loved being young but I've enjoyed every stage in different ways. I'm happy being in my 70s and there will be another person in me at 80, hopefully, and I can't wait to meet her." *(The Week magazine, July 1 / July 8, 2016)***

**The older you get the more you like to tell it like it used to be. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**My mother is going to have to stop lying about her age because pretty soon I’m going to be older than she is. *(The Pass Time Paper)***

**It’s an odd and rather nice thing about aging: the closer we approach a particular age the younger it seems to become. *(Anonymous)***

**Aging is not "lost youth" but a new stage of opportunity and strength. *(Betty Friedan, leading feminist activist and writer)***

**Nuns have an average life expectancy of seventy-seven years, the longest of any group in the United States. *(Noel Botham, in The World’s Greatest Book of Useless Information, p. 122)***

**In Mesa, Arizona, police arrested a seventy-one-year-old woman for running an amphetamine lab from a retirement home. The staff became suspicious when several residents were seen staying up past 7:30. *(Conan O’Brien)***

**Ode to old age: “The reason I know my youth is all spent -- My get up and go has got up and went.” *(Len Ingebrigtsen, in Catholic Digest)***

**Dolly asks her Mom: “Why do you hafta use Oil of Old Lady?” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

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**The older you get, the more important it is to not act your age. *(Country magazine)***

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**Husband says to his teenage son: “You know I was young once myself!” Wife smiles and responds: “Oh, at least once!” *(Chris Browne, in Raising Duncan comic strip)***

**Aging seems to be the only available way to live a long life. *(Daniel Francois Esprit Auber)***

**At 50, everyone has the face he deserves. *(George Orwell)***

**Among people over 80, women outnumber men two to one. *(L. M. Boyd)***

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**Age is a question of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter. *(Satchel Paige)***

**How old would you be, if you didn’t know how old you was? *(Satchel Paige)***

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**The older you get, the stronger the wind gets -- and it's always in your face. *(Pablo Picasso)***

**A photographer had just taken a picture of an elderly gentleman on his 95th birthday. He thanked the old fellow, saying, “Sir, I hope I’ll be around to take your picture when you’re 100!” To which the old gentleman jovially replied, “Why not, young fellow? You look healthy to me.” *(F. G. Kernan, in Catholic Digest)***

**I’m playing it safe as I grow older -- I’m eating more oatmeal and sowing fewer wild oats. *(Guy Belleranti)*
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**In a poem, Ode to Retirement, by Len Ingebrigtsen, is this line: “The reason I know my youth is all spent? My get up and go has got up and went.” *(Bits & Pieces)***

**Grandma: “The red hat society was inspired by a poem that said: ‘When I am an old woman I shall wear purple with a red hat.’ Now there are groups of older women in red hats all over the globe.” Grandpa: “It’s interesting that they take their fashion cues from a poem. It so happens I take my fashion cues from a poem too. It says: ‘When I am an old man I’ll wear my pants hiked up under my armpits or I’ll let them ride comfortably under my gut.’” *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

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**If you believe the population is getting older, you’ve never been to a shopping mall on a weekend. *(Doug Larson, United Feature Syndicate)*
When my grandmother was in her 80s, she decided to move to Israel. As part of her preparation, she went to see her doctor to obtain her charts. When the doctor asked how she was doing, she gave a litany of complaints -- this hurts, that’s stiff, I’m more tired, I’m slower, and so on. “Mrs. Weiss,” the doctor said, “you have to expect things will start deteriorating. After all, who wants to live to a hundred?” My grandmother looked her doctor straight in the eye, “Anyone who’s 99,” she replied evenly. *(Good Clean Fun Web site)***

**The aging process could be slowed if it had to work its way through Congress. *(The American Legion magazine)*

A reporter was interviewing a man who was celebrating his 100th birthday. “What are you most proud of?” he asked. “Well,” said the man, “I’ve lived 100 years and haven’t an enemy in the world.” “What a beautiful thought. How truly inspirational,” commented the reporter. “Yep,” added the centenarian, “outlived every last one of them.” *(Delia Sellers, in Abundant Living magazine)***

**Although I’m pushing fifty - I’m solid as a rock. And the life of every party - until almost nine o’clock. *(Inspiring Quotations, Compiled by Albert M. Wells, Jr.)***

**As you get older, you start to acquire more character. You seem to care less about how you appear. So you just sort of let go of stuff. You can be a leading man and a character actor at the same time, in a way. *(Dennis Quaid, actor)***

**It’s only natural that a person becomes quieter as he grows older -- he has more to keep quiet about! *(Farmers’ Almanac, 1988)***

**When Ronald Reagan was running for President, a woman of about 80 stood up in the audience after one of his speeches and asked a question. “Everything sounds fine, Mr. Reagan,” she said, “but what about us old folks? Haven’t you forgotten us?” “Heavens, how could I forget you?” said Reagan smiling. “I’m one of you.” *(Bits & Pieces)***

**You’re getting up in years if you can remember when a “redemption center” was a house of worship*. (Reminisce Extra magazine)***

**Mr. Wilson says to Dennis’s Dad: “I’m returning your kid! He wasn’t part of my retirement package!” *(Hank Ketchum, in Dennis the Menace comic strip)***

**Pedestrians over age 60 are four times more likely than young people to make illegal risky crossings, reports a British researcher. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**Old age is like everything else. To make a success of it, you've got to start young. *(Theodore Roosevelt)***

**Doctor to paunchy patient: “The root of your problem is that you’re a ‘Type A’ personality in a ‘Model T’ body.” *(Schwadron, in The Wal Street Journal)***

**I look forward to being older, when what you look like becomes less and less the issue, and what you are is the point. *(Susan Sarandon, American actress)***

**Just remember, when you're over the hill, you begin to pick up speed. *(Charles M. Schulz)***

**A woman walked by a shriveled old man rocking in a chair on his front porch. “I can’t help but notice how happy you look,” she said. “What’s your secret for a long happy life?” “I smoke three packs of cigarettes a day,” he said. “I also drink a case ot whiskey a week, eat fatty foods and never exercise!”: “That’s amazing. How old are you?” The old man thought for a moment, and then replied, “36.” *(The American Legion magazine)***

**You know you're getting old when you get that one candle on the cake. It's like, "See if you can blow this out." *(Jerry Seinfeld)***

**In a dream you are never 80. *(Anne Sexton, American poet)***

**In youth we run into difficulties. In old age difficulties run into us. *(Beverly Sills)***

**It’s also a fact that the older we get, the more slowly we breathe. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**The best thing about getting older is that you gain sincerity. Once you learn to fake that, there's nothing you can't do. *(Tommy Smothers)***

**Grandpa: “So you know how to make snow angels, Nelson?” Nelson: “No.” Grandpa: “Well, let me show you then. You just lie down in the snow like this, and WEE-AAAH, WEE-AAH! Oh, shoot! At my age you can’t lie down in the snow without some fool calling an ambulance. *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

**Old age occurs the moment you realize there isn’t something wonderful about to happen just around the corner. In some people this occurs very soon; in others, not at all. *(D. E. Short, in Reader’s Digest)***

**You’ve heard of the three ages of man: youth, middle age and “you’re looking wonderful!” *(Cardinal Francis Joseph Spellman)***

**We are always the same age inside. *(Gertrude Stein)***

**The trick is growing up without growing old. *(Casey Stengel)***

**Mario Andretti has retired from racecar driving. He’s getting old. He ran his entire last race with his left blinker on. (*Jon Stewart)***

**My Favorite Saying: “The sweetest music comes from an old violin.” *(Charles Ragland, in Reminisce magazine)***

**Every man desires to live long; yet no man desires to be old. *(Jonathan Swift)***

**There is an old Italian saying, “At the table one never grows old.” Isn’t that reason enough to come home at the end of the day, roll up one’s sleeves, fire up the stove and start smashing up the garlic? *(Judith Jones, in The Tenth Muse: My Life in Food)***

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**It takes about ten years to get used to how old you are. *(Quoted by Raymond A. Michel, in The Leaf)***

**A great-grandmother explains how she managed to keep so young at 90: "It takes time to get old -- and I've never had any." *(Vincentia Rogge, in Reader's Digest)***

**My grandmother has always led a very busy life. Recently, she celebrated her 90th birthday. “Granny,” I said, “it is remarkable how young you look. How do you do it?” “It takes time to grow old, Robert,” she answered, “and I’ve never had any.” *(Jokes Priests Can Tell, volume 7)***

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**After attending the antique sale, the husband says to his wife: “The oldest thing in there was the woman selling tickets.” *(Jim Unger, in Herman comic strip)***

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**Together at Last?: We are growing old together, and as we go down through the years we are sharing everything in sight--the laughter and the tears. Now as we sit across the breakfast table, our two hands intertwined, will you lean a little closer, dear, and tell me which pills are mine? *(Evelyn H. Ziehler, in The Saturday Evening Post)***

**The trouble with growing old is having to listen to your children’s advice. *(Ashley Cooper, in Charleston, S.C., Post-Courier)***

**A true measure of aging: Scientists have discovered a new biological clock ticking inside all our cells and figured out how to read it, the Los Angeles Times reports. UCLA researchers say this new "epigenetic clock" is calibrated by methylation, a natural process that modifies DNA over time by turning some genes on and others off. By studying some 8,000 methylated cell samples, geneticist Steve Horvath and his team mapped out how 353 DNA markers change throughout a lifetime in 51 different types of tissue. The calculations yielded some telling surprises. Women's breast tissue, for example, appears to age about two or three years faster than the rest of their bodies, and cancerous tissue look an average of 36 years older than healthy tissue. By contrast, people's cardiac muscles were found to have a biological age an average of ninety years younger than their birth dates would suggest. Horvath hopes that the new measuring technique may help predict whether a person's body is becoming susceptible to diseases such as cancer. "If we see a drastic acceleration in tissue aging, that would suggest we should start looking for clues to an underlying problem," he says. *(The Week magazine, November 8, 2013)***

**The Truth is, we do not growold; when we stop growing, we are old.
*(Eric Butterworth, in Spiritual Economics, p. 141)***

**At 50 you’re a “tween-ager”--too young to be called old and too old to be called young. *(Sam Ewing, in The Saturday Evening Post)***

**You know you are getting older when the only vice you have left is the one you put hooks into to tie fishing lines. *(Country Extra magazine)***

**Grandma: “Where have you been, Earl?” Earl: “I’ve been telling the meter reader about the colonoscopy I had a few months ago. I was going to show him the photos but he ran off.” Grandma: “Oh, Earl!” Earl: “If I’d known getting older was this much fun I’d have done it a long time ago.” *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

**Hmm. Monday already. The weekend went by so fast. Gulp! You know you’re getting old when you check the day of the week by looking at your pill dispenser! *(Lynn Johnston, in For Better or For Worse comic strip)***

**You're never too old to become younger. *(Mae West)***

**Why aren’t I consoled by knowing that everything is getting older just as fast as I am? *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**Think young. Aging is for wine. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**Bear's a Honey: If you live to be a hundred, I want to live to be a hundred minus one day, so I never have to live without you. *(Winnie the Pooh)***

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**Grandpa: “I always hoped that when I got old I’d be considered a wise man. It turns out it’s pretty easy to be thought of as wise. All you have to do is live a long time and don’t say too much, and people will assume you’re a wise man.” Other man: “I believe it. The more you talk, the less wise you seem to me.” *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

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**The world's oldest person, 117-year-old Nabi Tajima of Japan, died last week. Born on August 4, 1900, Tajima was the last known person born in the 19th century (which ended January 1, 1901). There are 36 known super-centenarians -- those aged 110 or older -- worldwide, and 18 of them are Japanese. *(The Washington Post, as it appeared in The Week magazine, May 4, 2018)***

**You do what you can for as long as you can, and when you finally can't, you do the next best thing. You back up, but you don't give up. *(Chuck Yeager, pilot)***

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