

*CHOOSING TO SMILE: A STUDY OF PHILIPPIANS*  
**Lesson Seven: "Still Challenged After all these Years"**

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*Two common mistakes people make as they age:*

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ they're getting older.**
2. \_\_\_\_\_ responsibility.

*Philippians 3:12b-14*

*Three Simple Thoughts from Paul:*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ past transgressions (vs. 13-15).

*Psalms 103:12*

2. Accept our \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 12, 13).

3. Pursue future \_\_\_\_\_ (v14).

*Joshua 14*

*Let Us:*

1. Let us live up to the growth we have already \_\_\_\_\_.

- 2. Let us \_\_\_\_\_ God's grace.**

3. Let us not forget the goal is \_\_\_\_\_ not a life of ease in this \_\_\_\_\_.

# Community Appreciation Day

June 3, 2007

*Please pray about  
who you can invite.*

*Please begin  
inviting people.*

*Please pick up some CD  
Invitations you can hand  
out today as you leave*

- *Bible Class 9am*
- *Worship 10:15*
- *Cookout 11:45*

*(Hamburgers and hot dogs provided,  
Church needs to bring side dishes)*

## *LIFE Group Discussion Guide*

For Week of May 20, 2007

Read:

*Lev. 19:32; 1 Tim. 5:4; 2 Tim 4:6-8; Titus 2:2-4*

1. We spend a lot of time talking about rearing children and teenagers in church, but little is said about aging, caring for older parents and encouraging the senior members of the congregation. What do you think are some of the important issues that need attention with these topics?
2. What can the different generations within the congregation do to become closer and encourage one another better?
3. As people grow older, some tend to become less involved in the life of the church. Why?
4. Some older Christians find it easy to become upset over changes and new approaches to doing things within the church. How can this be helped?
5. Some older Christians become bitter over disappointments with the church and their family. How will you prevent this from happening in your life?
6. What are the responsibilities of children and the church as Christians grow elderly in the church?
7. The Bible instructs the older members to teach the **younger, yet most churches don't do this very well. How** can we do this in a better way at Dalton Gardens?
8. How do you plan to continue to stretch and grow as you get older?
9. What spiritual goals do you look forward to achieving in your senior years?