

# Creating A Coat Of Many Colors

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(Gen 37:3 KJV) Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many colours.

**Introduction:** As elders we can't finish our journey without making a coat of many colors to pass down to our loved ones and the next generation of the church.

**Sermon Title:** "Creating A Coat Of Many Colors"

## 1. Some of the top concerns that face seniors are:

- A. Health and adjusting to the changes in their bodies.
- B. Finances in our retirement years.
- C. Welfare of our families
  - 1. Spiritual
  - 2. Financial
  - 3. Health
  - 4. Care of grandchildren
- D. The aging process
  - 1. When I turned 45 someone gave me a list of 80 things that I could expect as I got older.

**Illustration:** (Men do not lose their hair, it just goes under-ground and comes out their nose and ears)

**Illustration:** What's the name of that pretty red flower with the long stem?  
Rose! Oh yes, Rose would you bring us some coffee?

**Illustration:** Upstairs going down or downstairs going up.

**George Burns said:** "If I had known I was going to live this long, I would have taken better care of myself"

E. Productivity. Being useful, not being put out to pasture.

**2. God addresses the needs and concerns of older people and He is mindful of them.**

A. (Psa 92:14 KJV) They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing;

B. (Isa 46:4 KJV) And even to your old age I am he; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you.

**3. Each of us needs to conceive a Joseph in our old age**

(Psa 71:17 KJV) O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works.

(Psa 71:18 KJV) Now also when I am old and grey-headed, O God, forsake me not; until I have showed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to everyone that is to come.

A. David is saying, “Keep me alive until I can finish this coat of many colors”

B. I need to pass down my faith, my wisdom, my mantel. I want to leave my children, and grandchildren a “Coat of many colors”

**4. Weaving A Coat Of Many Colors**

A. A coat of distinction, a coat of honor.

B. You need to clothe us, cover us.

C. It's a coat that could only be made by someone who has lived long enough to know how to appreciate life. To understand what is really important.

D. It's a coat to dream with, to pursue life goals with.

**Point:** Everyday you continue to live for God you are weaving a coat of many colors. Every time you come through the doors of the church, you are weaving a coat, every time you open your mouth to praise Him, you are making a coat. Every smile, every “I love you” Every victory over the enemy.

**5. Don't let your age make you barren.**

- A. (Gen 21:2 KJV) **For Sarah conceived**, and bare Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him.
- B. (Luke 1:36 KJV) And, behold, thy **cousin Elisabeth**, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren.
- C. **Luke 1:37** For with God nothing shall be impossible. Expect miracles in your old age.

**6. Do you have a coat of many colors to give to your children your family?**

- A. Give your life to Jesus today.
- B. **It's not to late to start living. LIFE MORE ABUNDANTLY!**

**Illustration: Older couple sitting in the swing on the front porch.** She begins to snuggle up against him and said, "You used to nibble on my ear and my neck, but you never do that anymore." Without a word he gets up and starts in the house. "Where are you going", she asked? "Going to get me teeth" he replied.