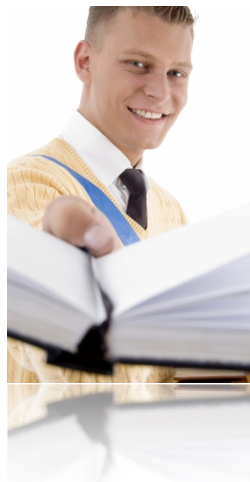


#### Graced to Age

Grace allows us to value, even cherish, the age we are right now! Every age has challenges and opportunities that contribute to the grace filled good life.



#### Good Gracious Homework:

1. What is one lesson you learned?
2. What is one way to change the way you pray?
3. Many people feel overwhelmed with little time and energy to follow God's grace. Consider ways to gracefully declutter your calendar and related commitments.
4. What are some ways God offers you grace in your current or next life transition opportunity?

#### Applying Grace

Mentally understanding God's Grace is not the challenge. Reordering our lives in accordance with God's grace requires a commitment to daily gracious living.



“And now abide faith, hope, and love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.”

1 Corinthians 13:13

Christians committed to the grace filled good life will evaluate their time in life by things that last rather than demands of a rapidly changing world. What a gift! Faith, hope, and love challenge all of us to walk in grace. Grace shows the way to follow these three abiding things during the various stages of life.

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Accepting God's Grace in all Areas of Life

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## Grace in “Normal” Life

### New Creation

All new being (2 Cor 5:17)  
All new deeds (v. 18)  
All new words (v. 19)  
All new ambassadors (v. 20)

### Adult Transition Grace

Graced Stewards (1 Pt 4:10)  
Young Adult  
Midlife Men & Women  
Graced generativity rather than stagnation

### Aging Grace-fully

Do you want to be like Jacob or Joseph?  
Graced integrity rather than despair



## Think About It

Ambassadors live and work in embassies. As such, the places where they work, and even their cars, are considered territory of their home kingdom. How can your home, car and other spaces be used as God's embassy outpost?

## Review

What lesson did you apply from last week?

How did grace change the way you prayed?

Share an example of God's gracious care for you in either humility or pride this week.

How successful were you at having graced filled conversations? What changes can you implement as you seek grace in this area of life?

### Graced Stewards

Living the good life requires two things: a) God's ever abiding grace and b) making good life choices. Without God's grace we would be unable to know what is good much less consistently walk the grace path.

Perhaps the best way to make the right choices is to think about our lives as being stewards of God's many gracious gifts. Good stewards see the big picture when selecting career's and life mates, when managing their finances and diet. Good stewards know when to say no and when to say yes.



Walk into God's Grace!

Walking in grace is a learned behavior. Just like you did not learn to talk, walk, drive a care, compute square roots, or decorate a cake in one day, walking in grace will take time. Be sure to lighten up and let grace help you learn.