



Reading Certification Guide

New Beginnings has developed a reading program to assist church leaders learn more about issues related to the aging process and ministry with second-halfers in our maturing society.

The program is open to anyone interested in a self-guided learning experience about the aging process (body, mind, and spirit) and ministry by, for, and with second-halfers. There are three certifications: a Bronze (Three books completed in one year), Silver (Seven books completed in one year) and Gold (Twelve books completed in one year). A certification of completed is awarded in recognition of commitment to second half ministries upon having read three to twelve books and completion of the corresponding response form.

A Second-Half Ministry Reading List and Book Synopsis & Application Response Form are provided. Books not on the list consistent in focus with the reading program may be approved. Selecting the level of certification and books, obtaining and reporting on the

books are an individual responsibility. The formation of a study group or a self-study mentor is suggested for facilitate certification level and book selection, meeting schedule, agenda, motivation, fellowship and prayer.

Ideally, the launch would be in September (Grandparents Sunday) or in May (Second-Halfers Sunday). However, it can be initiated anytime that's best for the congregation.

New Beginnings can handle documents (Second- Half Ministry Reading List and Book Synopsis & Application Response Form), initial setup and answer possible periodic questions. The program works best when sponsored and administered by the responsible congregation life segment staff person with New Beginnings entirely in the background.

Second Half Ministry Reading List:

VOLUME 12

[Fundamental Retirement/ Protirement Planning](#)

ISBN 978986190189 (sc); 978986190186 (e)

November 27, 2015

Pages 52

Snippet

Starting early on, your retirement planning is essential.

Critical Elements:

- Salvation
- Stewardship
- Wellness
- Works

Key Salvation Fundamentals:

- Budget
- Legacy
- Will

Final Instructional

Protirement means retiring or quitting an unattractive job to pursue work or hobbies more suited to one's personality.

Fundamental Retirement/Protirement Planning is a classic primer for young adults age 12 and above written as a self-study life retirement/ protirement planning reference guide finishing extremely well, achieving spiritual, physical, mental, and financial health.

VOLUME 11

[God's Grand Plan](#)

ISBN 9780990649984 (sc); 9780990649991

(e)

January 18, 2015

Pages 86

Snippet

“Anyone can retire from a world of work, but it is quite another thing to find something to protirement to,” Richard P. Morgan.

God's Grand Plan focuses on the daily living characteristics of Jesus Christ: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control as found in Galatians,” 5:22-23 (NIV).

If you wish to be happy for the rest your life, let Jesus's thoughts become your thoughts and bend your will to His will.

“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus,” 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NIV).

Only you are in charge of your happiness. Believe and achieve!

VOLUME 10

[The Second Half of Living](#)

**ISBN 9780990649960 (sc); 9780990649977
(e)
December 22, 2014
Pages 86**

Snippet

"It is an incredible time to be growing older. This longevity factor creates new opportunities for people in the second half of life. For the first time in the history of humankind, we or our children or grandchildren may live to be 120. Today, the man or woman can anticipate living twenty to thirty or more years and needs to design a new beginning," Richard Morgan.

The Second Half of Living is self-help for second-halfers to age happily and finish extremely well.

VOLUME 9

[Chism's Isms](#)

(New Cover)

**ISBN: 9780990649946 (sc); 9780990649953
(e)**

November 24 2014

Pages 140

Snippet

The dictionary (thesaurus) defines ISM as a distinctive cause (conviction, belief), doctrine (opinion, view point), or theory (rationale, hypothesis).

Chism's Isms is a collection of articles and essays for church leadership and second-halfers to grow, connect, serve, reach, and better prepare for a fuller, more productive, rewarding life and eternity with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

VOLUME 8

[Daily Legacy Living](#)

**ISBN 9780990649922 (sc);
9780990649939(e)
November 3, 2014
Pages 118**

Snippet

"There are two wolves inside all of us: Good and Evil. The wolf that wins is the one that is fed."

(Unknown)

Legacy is anything handed down from one generation to the next. It can be heredity, inheritance, or heritage. A legacy also leaves behind the story of a person, so that they are not forgotten. Legacies are important pathways for the future to follow or to be guided by in order to make better decisions in life. Leaving behind a legacy gives us comfort in knowing that once we are gone, we will not be erased from the memories of others. If you do not start planning the person you wish to be at an early age, it's not likely to happen.

Daily Legacy Living offers numerous ideas for maximizing your life.

VOLUME 7

[Planning the Life God Wants](#)

**ISBN 9780990649908 (sc); 9780990649915
(e)**

October 10, 2014

Pages 260

Snippet

Planning the Life God Wants was written for non-Christians, those in debt, those planning their life and those wishing to leave a legacy. The focus is on salvation and stewardship with a brief mention of mental and physical health. In our Christian walk there is much to be accomplished in our congregation, community, state, and nation by fighting

against the unshakable facts (challenge ageing intolerance and conflict; unconstitutional government; and reclaiming our nation as Christian and free)

VOLUME 6

[The Essential Ingredients for Second-Half Ministry](#) (New Cover & Second Edition)

ISBN 9780986190155 (sc); 9780692231739

(e)

October 8, 2014/March 21, 2015

Pages 150

Snippet

The Essential Ingredients for Second-Half Ministry was written to answer the question as to the missing ingredients for the church to be successful with the new life stage of Elderhood, graduation from the public sector, and the protirement life style.

Second half of life vision, education and implementation are the keys to elderhood protirement empowerment.

VOLUME 5

[Life Stages Lessons](#) (New Cover & Second Edition)

ISBN 9780986190148 (sc); 9780692023945

(e)

July 20, 2014/March 21, 2015

Pages 140

Snippet

Life Stages Lessons were written as an Alpha Tau Omega life guide book for American's financial, mental, physical and religious health.

Everyone, particularly our children, grandkids, women, and elderhood adults, will benefit from the book. *Life Stages Lessons* focus on the matters that make a difference (a

Budget, Estate and Legacy Planning) in this life and make all the difference (Salvation) for eternity.

The book is devoted to life seasons training to better prepare elderhood adults to implement protirement service opportunities as well as devote themselves to participatory democracy and protecting the homeland against unconstitutional government.

The focus of the book is on the second half of life, particularly preparation for the third age, elderhood and protirement; and the fourth age, frail adulthood.

VOLUME 4

[Making an Aging Difference](#)

(New Cover & Second Edition)

ISBN: 9780986190124 (sc); 978061585 2508

(e)

February 23, 2014/March 21, 2015

Pages 84

Snippet

Making an Aging Difference offers a toolkit of guides for helping second-halfers make the most of the next phase of their life.

Each chapter provides both information and instruction for helping to make a more productive second half of life and potential aging legacy.

The tools were developed by New Beginnings through years of research, education and personal experience.

VOLUME 3

[A New Life Stage](#)

(New Cover & Second Edition)

ISBN 9780986190131 (sc); 9780616002988

(e)

November 18, 2013/March 21, 2015

Pages 112

Snippet

A New Life Stage is about WHY God has given us an individual plan, gifted us as well as provided us with an extra 30 years to make an eternal difference in our second half of life. The book teaches about equipping, energizing, enabling the new life stage, elderhood, life after adulthood.

VOLUME 2

[Longevity Response-Ability](#) (New Cover & Second Edition)

ISBN: 9780986190100 (sc) 9880986190117 (e)

May 29, 2013/March 21, 2015

Pages 304

Snippet

Longevity Response-Ability is a collection of readings (legacy letters, stories, and plans) written by team members about what church leaders and second-halfers can do to unleash the determination and power of a new “life stage” (65-84), called Elderhood (life beyond adulthood). Step one is to educate theological educational institutions, corporate church bodies, local congregations, nonprofit and private enterprises and governmental legislative bodies about the reality of a new “life stage.” The second step is to educate those in the second half of life to their choices for making a difference.

The theme is doing what you can, where you are, with what you have. *Longevity Response-Ability* was written to create awareness, provide momentum, and attract others to make social change. Each reading provides not only member expertise, but heartfelt instructions to better guide one’s

legacy journey. The book was written as a fundraiser for a better second half of life society and equality against ageism.

VOLUME 1

[Second-Half Elderhood Protirement Ministry](#) (New Title, New Cover & Second Edition)

ISBN: 9780986190162 (sc); 9780986190179 (e)

October 12, 2012? March 21, 2015

Pages 162

Snippet

Second-Half Elderhood Protirement Ministry and the New Beginnings website promote societal awareness of second-halfers' unique DNA; mobilize more effective ministry to, with, and by second-halfers alongside talented pastors; publicize the need for intentional evangelism to reach second-halfers; encourage intergenerational benevolence and generosity development; and help second-halfers make the most of their 50Plus life.

The author's prayer for seminary and church leaders is that they may use this manual to create momentum to properly equip and train seminary students, graduate pastors, and laymen about the process and realities of aging. His further prayer for second-halfers is that they will discover God's plan of significance for them and will live out their legacy for His glory in a brave new social sector.

Series Volumes are Priced Retail \$15.99;
Kindle Edition \$9.99

Other Second Half Ministry Reading List:

The alphabetically listed books are helpful references.

40 Days of Love (2008), Rick Warren

A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23 (2007), W. Philip Keller

Aging and Ministry in the 21st Century (2008), Richard Gentzler, Jr.

Aging Successfully (2012), David P. Gallagher

Aging Well Bible study series (2014), Pete Menconi

Aging, the Individual, and Society (2007) S.M. Hillier and G.M. Barrow

Amazing Grays (1999), Leona and Richard Bergstrom

Baby Boomers and Beyond (2010), Amy Hanson

Catch The Age Wave (1999), Win Arn and Charles Arn

Celebrating Disciples (1988), Richard Foster

Changing Course (2007), William A. Sadler

Concise Theology (2001), J.I. Packer

Encore (2007), Michael Kinsman

Encountering the New Testament (2005), Walter Elwell, Robert Yarbrough

Encountering the Old Testament (2008), Bill Arnold, Bryan Beyer

Faith is a Verb (2008, 1987), John Aukerman, David Neider/ Ken Stokes

Faith Is a Verb: A Workbook (2008), John Aukerman

Financial Peace Revisited (2003), Dave Ramsey

Financial Peace University Workbook (2010), Dave Ramsey

Finishing Life Strong (2011), John Heide

Finishing Well (2011), John Dunlop, M.D.

Follow Your Calling (2012), John Bradley and Nelson Malwitz

Four Seasons of Leadership (2008), David Neidert

Generous Living (1997), Ron Blue

God's Plan of Significance (2007), Jerry and Shirley Rose

Graying of the Church (2004), Richard Gentzer, Jr.

Heartbeat! (2011), Charles Arn

How to Finish the Christian Life: Following Jesus in the Second Half (2012), Donald W. Sweeting and George Sweeting

How to Minister Among Older Adults (2005), Charles Knippel

How to Retire (2011), Ernie Zelinski

How to Start a New Service (1997), Charles Arn

Irresistible Evangelism (2003), Sjogren, Ping, Pollock

Joy Boosters (2012), Missy Buchanan

Knowing God (1993), J.I. Packer

Living by the Book (2007), Howard Hendricks and William Hendricks

Management Essentials for Christian Ministries (2003), Michael Anthony

Master Your Money (2004), Ron Blue

Maximize (2010), Nelson Searcy

My Plan for Finishing Well (2014) Jim Carlson

My Next Phase (2007), Eric Sunstrom

New Bible Dictionary (1996), Marshall, Millard, Packer, Wiseman

Older Americans, Vital Communities (2007), W. Andrew Achenbaum

One Church, Four Generations (2002), Gary L. McIntosh

Second Half of Life Ministry Curriculum (2016), Robert W. Chism

Senior Adult Ministry in the 21st Century (2002), David P. Gallagher

Significance (2010), R. Jack Hansen

Simply Strategic Volunteers (2005), Tony Morgan and Tim Stevens

Super-Charged (2009), Mary Lloyd

The 8th Habit (2006), Stephen Covey

The Foundations of Leadership (2011), Gordon MacDonald

The Gift of Significance (2000), Doug Manning

The Intergenerational Church (2008), Peter Menconi

The Jesus Creed (2004), Scot McKnight

The Launch Bible study series (2011), EFCA Encore

The New Breed (2007), Jonathan and Thomas W. McKee

The Procrastinator's Guide (2007), Eric G. Matlin

The Purpose Driven Church (1995), Rick Warren

The Purpose Driven Life (2003), Rick Warren

The Third Age (2000), William A. Sadler

The Treasure Principle (2001), Randy Alcorn

Theology in a Nutshell (2008), Ken Horn

Voices of Aging (2015) Missy Buchanan

White Unto Harvest (2003), Charles Arn

Working the Gray Zone (2000), Charles G. Oakes

Book Synopsis & Application Response
Form:

Name Date

Address

Street City State Zip

E-mail

Phone ()

Book title

Author

Number of hours spent reading this book

Please list below additional reading [Book title and author] with number of hours spent:

Write a two-page synopsis of the book and attach it to this sheet using the following guidelines:

What is the author's main premise of the book? How does the author support this viewpoint?

What are the three most significant points of this book for your understanding of aging or second half ministries? Be specific. Provide examples.

How will this book and its important points guide you in developing a proactive ministry within your local congregation or community?