



Downsizing

By Bill Pugh

There is a lady who has gone to our Church for many years. She is now 92. What a life story she has. She has coped with much and kept her strong faith. As a young lady she wanted to be a nurse. The Depression intervened and she had to find work, finally training as a hairdresser working in a city store. She loved tennis and bush walking. She raised a family through difficult times. Her husband and she built their own home following a plan. She earned extra money to help by being a home hairdresser.

Now at 92, she no longer plays tennis or goes on bush walks, but spends hours sitting in her favourite armchair, knitting. True she misses the fun and fellowship of tennis and bush walking, but she delights in her skill of knitting.

Sometimes we resent loss of our physical skills because of age or illness, but God has given us other talents to develop. Whatever our years and our physical strength, there is still something we can do to help others. To live a worthwhile life is the journey we are on.

Reflection:

Read the Parable of the Talents, Matthew 25 v 14-30. It is a disturbing challenge. One truth stands out. Whatever talent we have been given, it is to be used in the way it is meant. There is always much of value we can do in the service of the Master.

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