FEELING OLD? Feeling "Over the Hill"? Asking yourself, "Where am I in life?"

#### Understanding YOUR DECADE

HELPS YOU RELAX -- Where you are today!

# **INTRODUCTION**

- \* How old were you 10 years ago? How will you be 10 years from now?
- \* All planning starts with the phrase ... "At this phase of life ... "
- \* Listen UP / listen IN!
- \* Young ... listen to what may help YOU ... and what you can expect in the future.
- \* Older ... listen to what may help **YOU** ... and what may help your children or grandchildren.

## **CHILDREN -- SECURITY**

[] Unconditional love – key to life confidence

[] Love you / Proud of you

[] Age 9 - Single most shaping year of life - comfort zones established

## **TEENS – SELF**

[] Don't marry until you are at least 26-30 ... you are changing at a very rapid rate.

[] Get all of your pre-marital counseling before you get engaged ...

not after you are engaged ... then it is too late to be objective!

[] Decide if you are a goals setter (15%), problem solver (80%), opportunity seizer (5%).

## 20'S – SURVIVAL

[] Relax ... no one is watching or expecting you to change the world in your 20's!

[] This decade is a time for you to decide what you do not want to do!

[] Commit to saving / investing \_\_\_\_% of your income.

## **30'S – SUCCESS**

- [] Get a mentor ... and / or become one! Ideally, mentoring is a lifelong relationship in which a mentor helps a protégé to reach her / his God-given potential.
- [] Learn to balance your home and business schedule ... plan breaks a year in advance.

[] Protect your 4<sup>th</sup> Graders ... this is the single most shaping year of her / his life. Age 9 is where our comfort zones are established.

## 40'S – SIGNIFICANCE and STRUGGLE

[] Define your "single greatest strength".

Of all the things you do well, what do you do best?

- [] Lifework what would you enjoy doing for the rest of your life?
- [] Understand this is a phase of life.

## 50'S – STRIDE

- [] You are half way to 100 ... feel "old" ... pay even more attention to your health.
- [] Become a Mentor. It is still wise to have a mentor as well.
- [] Make a list of your life milestones ... brings perspective to the discouraging times one

#### has.

## 60'S - STRATEGIC

- [] Your natural energy is decreasing and your strategic thinking is increasing!
- [] At 75 we are approximately as tired as our parents were at 65.
  - You have a lot of good years to go!
- [] Remember, your 60's is the decade of greatest income and influence.

### 70'S - SUCCESSION

- [] Keep your estate plan updated. Make sure you have the right Executor.
- [] Write out your memories and advice for the next 10 future generations of your family!
- [] Keep Mentoring Significance!

## 80'S – SLIPPERY

- [] Friends and peers are having major health problems or are dying at a shocking rate
- [] Health is not predictable
- [] Often finances feel somewhat slippery

### **90's** + - **SLEEP**

- [] "No one calls me 'Minnie' any more!"
- [] Don't want to die the way I saw my parents die
- [] Want to go to sleep and wake up in heaven ... be with my departed loved ones!

RELAX ... breathe in!

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