



SEVEN CIRCLES OF LIFE

*THE DAYS OF OUR YEARS ARE THREESCORE YEARS AND TEN, AND IF BY REASON OF STRENGTH THEY BE FOURSCORE YEARS, YET IS THEIR STRENGTH LABOUR AND SORROW, FOR IT IS SOON CUT OFF, AND WE FLY AWAY.
PSALM 90:10*

CIRCLE ONE

{0-10 years}

Everything we learn is first filtered through the _____: parental. As we grow, we are introduced to other relationships outside the realm of the nuclear and _____ family through our exposure to society and other authorities. The authorities such as pastors, teachers, doctors, policemen, government officials, et cetera.

We are shaped by our _____ and _____ of these relationships. Our challenges are to master the qualities of _____ and _____, both in the form of core values on which our whole character sits.

**Challenges: Obedience and Respect for authority*

CIRCLE TWO

{11-20 years}

This second circle is _____ in navigating between the primary parental relationship and all other secondary relationships.

The pull to _____ in order to be _____ is enormous, and the _____ of personal choices during the formative years can have lasting consequences.

Self-discipline is the result of _____ temptation during this formative time.

There is not a replacement for _____ the boundaries those who love us have set in place.

Honorable _____ is essential in building the _____ required in loyal and loving relationships.

**Challenge: self-discipline*

CIRCLE THREE

{21-30 years}

The third circle is generally when _____ for profession or trade occurs, and the search for purposeful employment begins in order to _____ financial independence.

This circle may include _____ and having _____.

Practicing _____ and _____ form the foundation for the patience required in _____ and sustaining relationships.

**Challenge: Responsibility*

CIRCLE FOUR

{31-40 years}

Securing _____ employment, establishing a family, buying a house or even going back to school are all _____. For women, there is the added _____ of having and /or raising children or the fear of not being able to do so if they remain single.

Being able to juggle all the _____ of life is essential as more is _____ of adults whether married or single.

Exercising responsibility and authority requires

_____.

Honoring God means that _____ to Him frees us to put time with Him , our families, and our church above all other _____ in order to keep what is most precious.

**Challenge: Balance, maintaining priorities and boundaries.*

CIRCLE FIVE

{41-50 years}

Maintaining _____ relationships is crucial to this circle.

Marriages can be lost to the _____ of parenting, as parents find themselves working feverishly to _____ their children through high school, college, and their own journey toward independence.

Exercising _____, which is the product of practicing the other _____ learned in previous circle, produces _____. Faithfulness sustains marriages and all other relationships.

**Challenge: Faithfulness*

CIRCLE SIX

{51-60 years}

At some point, the issue of _____ becomes real, and we have to consider what _____ we will leave to those who follow.

This revelation means there has to be a moment during which we make room for those who are up and coming, whether our own children or grandchildren, our mentees, or others who are walking beside us.

**Challenge: Selflessness*

CIRCLE SEVEN

{61-70 years}

This circle is fraught with all the biological and psychological changes that come with _____ and _____ from the workforce.

We may address those things we would have liked to have done, but didn't. Others of us may find ourselves supporting adult children returning home, raising grandchildren, helping aging parents or experiencing personal _____ issues. The challenge is to continue with _____ and _____ in whatever circumstances we find ourselves. Practicing selflessness helps produce endurance.

**Challenge: Endurance*

Notes _____

