

A 7-Day Retirement Reading Pack

For someone finishing work, or a church marking a retirement.

Encouraging KJV scriptures for retirement celebrations, cards, and entering a new season of life.

How to use this pack

- Read one page a day in the final week of work.
- Day four is the hardest and the most important.
- Keep the pack; read it again after six months.

The seven days

Day 1 — Finishing the course · Isaiah 46:4

Day 2 — Gratitude for the work · Psalm 92:14

Day 3 — Regrets · Joshua 14:10-11

Day 4 — Identity after the title · Proverbs 16:31

Day 5 — Fruit in old age · 2 Timothy 4:7

Day 6 — Serving the church · Philippians 1:6

Day 7 — A rhythm for the new season · Psalm 37:25

Retirement marks the end of one season and the beginning of another. It is a time to celebrate years of faithful labor and to look ahead with anticipation to what God has in store. These King James Bible verses honor the dignity of a life's work, the wisdom that comes with experience, and the promise that God's purpose for us never retires. Whether you are preparing a retirement party speech, writing a heartfelt card, or seeking encouragement for your own transition, these scriptures provide comfort and hope.

Finishing the course

And even to your old age I am he; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you.

Isaiah 46:4 (KJV)

God's lifelong faithfulness

Devotion prompt

Paul spoke of finishing his course. What is the thing you are most glad you finished well?

Write your answer

Pray it back to God before you close the page.

Gratitude for the work

They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing.

Psalm 92:14 (KJV)

Fruitfulness does not end

Devotion prompt

Name three people your work genuinely helped. Work matters more than the exit interview suggests.

Write your answer

Pray it back to God before you close the page.

Regrets

And now, behold, the Lord hath kept me alive, as he said, these forty and five years... and now, lo, I am this day fourscore and five years old. As yet I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me.

Joshua 14:10-11 (KJV)

Caleb's testimony of enduring strength

Devotion prompt

What did work cost your family or your soul? Confess it, and then let it go.

Write your answer

Pray it back to God before you close the page.

Identity after the title

The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness.

Proverbs 16:31 (KJV)

Gray hair as a crown of honor

Devotion prompt

Who are you when nobody asks what you do? Write the answer in one sentence.

Write your answer

Pray it back to God before you close the page.

Fruit in old age

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.

2 Timothy 4:7 (KJV)

A life faithfully completed

Devotion prompt

They shall still bring forth fruit in old age. What fruit is possible now that was impossible while working?

Write your answer

Pray it back to God before you close the page.

Serving the church

Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:6 (KJV)

God's work in you continues

Devotion prompt

What could you give the church — time, skill, mentoring — that it cannot buy?

Write your answer

Pray it back to God before you close the page.

A rhythm for the new season

I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

Psalm 37:25 (KJV)

A lifetime of God's provision

Devotion prompt

Draft a normal week: prayer, service, rest, people. Unstructured retirement drifts.

Write your answer

Pray it back to God before you close the page.

More verses for this season

Keep this page for cards, texts, and the days when you need different words.

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

Numbers 6:24-26 (KJV)

A blessing for the new season

And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

Psalms 90:17 (KJV)

Honoring a lifetime of work

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 (KJV)

Embracing a new season

A prayer for this season

Lord, thank you for the years of work and the strength to do it. Give me purpose in this new season and keep me fruitful to the end. Amen.

Practical ways to use these verses

- 2 Timothy 4:7 is the quintessential retirement verse — perfect for cards and speeches
- Psalm 92:14 reassures retirees they can still bear fruit in this new season
- Use Ecclesiastes 3:1 to acknowledge the transition with grace and purpose
- Numbers 6:24-26 works as a spoken blessing at a retirement dinner or party
- Isaiah 46:4 comforts those anxious about aging and the future

Notes and prayer requests

Read the full collection, with every verse in context, at biblesundays.com/life-events/retirement-verses — free KJV verse collections, printables, and reading plans for every season of life. Free to print and share; please keep this page attached.