



For young parents, care for their babies, to assist them in their absolute dependence to survive, to learn to walk, and increasingly to fend for themselves, is lived as a magical way, awaited and very satisfactory, whose reward is to see developed the son and become a person. Take care of them when they are sick, is a concern that can be carried to the extreme, to its evils are well attended, taking their pills and followed the instructions of your doctor. Nobody is questioning this responsibility and satisfaction.

It is very easy to give love to a baby or a beautiful little girl, or a hug to a child. The parental satisfaction is easy to achieve and leads to pride to be protective and care of children who grow. These satisfactions are converted in pride that can reach the pride, the presumption himself of duty fulfilled.

But there is other end of life, the decline over the years, which converts to people in the age of maturity vigorous in elderly, ever more in need of help of all kinds: material, physical and psychological - not to specify spiritual. Those who do not die in the path of life, grow old, with a growing dependence on younger people, who in every human culture, is seen as a fundamental responsibility of the children and, secondly, other relatives, as Friars Minor.

The responsibility for the old is so important as to infants; they grow and those decrease, children are each day less dependent and old increasingly, children gain strength, the old lose it. Here the problems begin for those who, as adults in fullness of life, face needs of their aging parents: it's a mess having old persons!

As the historical memory of the peoples makes one forget and repeat the past mistakes, action and of omission, people tend to forget what received from their parents, from the care and feeding newborns, until personal sacrifices of time and money for their education. And it is not the lack of historical memory family, is a selfish mechanism to forget the paternal and maternal dedication received.

Very easily, parents young and mature age, selfishly can despise increasingly what received from their fathers, giving as an obligation to fulfill without greater merit, but at the same time come to overestimate their own actions for their children. The

selfishness and the on-self-esteem are imposed, dismissing their parents.

Respond to the aging parents or already elderly, is seen by selfish adults as cargo very uncomfortable, that demand something they want for their exclusive advantage: time. Once an adult begins to feel the need to dedicate paternal time to the alternative is present: if I leave my things to see my parents, it weighs on me, and if you do not give them time, I feel bad.

Human Aging is synonymous, unfortunately, loss of authority and at the same time can be of stubbornness, foolishness, bad character and closure to ideas and customs that through his life came to be seen as own: I have reason and the new generations are wrong. The old take their pills, hinder their movements, lose the recent memory and become ill each time easier and more perennially.

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Yes, the aging parents or already elderly are a burden, but it is the vital process of every living being. This burden is, for an upright conscience free from selfishness, an inescapable responsibility, to comply with the same love with which care is provided for the children to prepare them for life. But the difficulties of caring for the old is more rewarding than care for children, and the prize divine immense.

We cannot be deaf or blind to the demand for care of parents old, whose greatest illness is the loneliness. In all cultures and all religions, this responsibility is very serious; is first correspond to the attention and love received while grew, with all faults and errors that it may have had. Except for very special cases of paternal irresponsibility, the balance of love and care that we receive is very favorable to the parents. Forget is so so comfortable... to think about it humiliates the use of my time: sacrifice my leisure so nice in spending time with the old...

The Bible is very clear on the responsibility for the elderly parents, with all its weaknesses, deficiencies and requirements. The word of God is more demanding than any human word on the duty to parents. God never ceases to threaten who do not comply and to offer a reward to those who give love to their old. (See Ecclesiastical, Chap. III, Vers. 1-18).

In conclusion: we must give our aging parents who need us, in material things - the most comfortable-, but essentially in time, full of human warmth, tenderness and much, much understanding of their weaknesses of old age and of his solitude. Of step, do not forget that, if we do not die in fullness of life, we also make elderly and we will require time for our own children who, naturally, repeated what we saw do or fail to do.