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<sup>10</sup> Our days may come to seventy years, or eighty, if our strength endures... <sup>12</sup> Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. Psalm 90:10-12

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<sup>6</sup> Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. <sup>7</sup> Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup> And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

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