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Lessons About Our Limitations
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When you get older you get better. You begin to know who you are and who your friends are. You begin to see things clearer. You let things ride because you know it's not that serious. You don't have to argue with folk over stupidity. Your feelings don't get hurt so easily because others are unhappy and miserable.

When you get older, things begin to change. At youth, there was unchecked vitality and an abundance of energy. Not so when you begin to age. It takes more time to do everything, but then, you're not in a hurry when you get old. You thought you could make folk like you, but now it's their problem. You begin to realize that only the Lord can turn people around.

Limitations end up benefiting you in the long run. When you get tired, you take a nap; when folk get on your nerve, you just leave. And on today, we are going to allow the text to teach us two lessons about our limitations.

1) We Are Not As Powerful As God

There is nothing that can help you if the Lord is against you. Wisdom is the primary theme of Proverbs. Solomon asked God for wisdom; no more, no less. The wisdom and knowledge that was requested was granted, and he would become the wisest person who ever lived.

The Proverbs were written as a result of the *Wisdom of Solomon*. He valued wisdom above all else. Wisdom was the principle thing in his writings. Note the number of times wisdom is mentioned in the book of Proverbs, and yet, Solomon says no wisdom is greater than God. Human wisdom is no match for the wisdom of God. We have limitations and we are not as powerful as God.

God's wisdom is limitless and our wisdom is limited. None of us can stand before the intellect and wisdom of the Lord. It is unsearchable. Based on the results of the *Teleological Argument*, nature is evidence that there is a God. Take the watch for example. With all of its intricacies, there must be something greater than the watch. No matter how great things may be, let's be clear, God made it.

Counsel means to deliberate and to determine. There is no counsel greater than the Lord. God is far seeing and we are far sighted. The counsel of the Lord stands forever. The Lord composes what we propose. Whatever God has purposed, He will bring it to pass. We don't have to be as wise as God because God is on our side. When you need Him, He will be there.

2) We Cannot Out Perform God

Battles and struggles is a way of life, but deliverance is of the Lord. We may be able to prepare for battle and struggles, but success and victory is of the Lord.

David was a great warrior but victory was from the Lord. The Israelites had many battles to fight but victory and deliverance came from the Lord. Not only can't we outperform God, but neither can our enemy. It shames me when I think about the song, *I Will Trust In The Lord*. I will trust in the Lord till I die. I'm going to stay on the battlefield until I die...

Learn a lesson from your limitations and when you discover what they are, also learn to lean and depend on the Lord for he is more powerful than we are, and we cannot outperform Him.