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Editor's Note

Dear reader,

There is something remarkable that happens when you
reach the age of 50. Your outlook on life begins to
change. You think differently, act differently, and
somehow life seems to slow down a little.

You find yourself listening more and speaking less. The
rush that once filled your days is replaced by a sense of
calm and appreciation for the simple things in life. It is
fascinating to discover how your priorities shift as the
years pass.

Winter, especially, has a way of encouraging reflection.
Wrapped in a warm blanket, many elderly women enjoy
knitting while elderly men settle down with a good book,
a newspaper, or simply a steaming cup of coffee or hot
chocolate. They sit back and enjoy the quieter moments
that life has to offer.

After spending decades building careers, raising
families, and chasing dreams, many people find
themselves downsizing—not only their homes and
possessions, but also their worries and commitments.
They learn to focus on what truly matters.

What a wonderful age to be. An age of wisdom,
gratitude, and understanding. An age where life is no
longer about rushing to the next destination, but about
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Until next time, stay warm and cherish every moment.

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Retirement: The Beginning of a New Chapter

Retirement can feel frightening at first. After spending 30 or 40 years working, following routines, meeting deadlines, and building a career, the thought of stepping away from it all can leave you feeling uncertain. Many people wonder, What will I do now? Who am I without my job?

The truth is that retirement is not the end of your story—it is the beginning of a new chapter.

For decades, your life revolved around responsibilities. Now, for perhaps the first time, your time truly belongs to you. Retirement offers an opportunity to slow down, reflect, and enjoy the rewards of years of hard work.

A few important tips for retirement:

- Stay active. Keep your body moving with regular walks, gardening, dancing, or any activity you enjoy.
- Stay connected. Spend time with family and friends. Loneliness can be one of retirement's biggest challenges, so maintain meaningful relationships.
- Find a purpose. Whether it is

volunteering, mentoring, learning a new skill, or pursuing a hobby, having a reason to get up each morning brings joy and fulfillment.

- Look after your finances. Create a realistic budget and plan carefully so that your retirement years remain comfortable and stress-free.
- Keep learning. Read books, attend classes, travel, or explore new interests. The mind thrives when it continues to grow.

Most importantly, remember that your value is not defined by your job title. The wisdom, experience, kindness, and knowledge you have gained over the years remain with you. Retirement simply gives you the freedom to share those gifts in different ways.

Retirement is not about growing old. It is about finally having the time to do the things you always said you would do "one day."

That day has arrived.

Embrace it, enjoy it, and make the most of every moment. The best years are not necessarily behind you—they may still be ahead of you.

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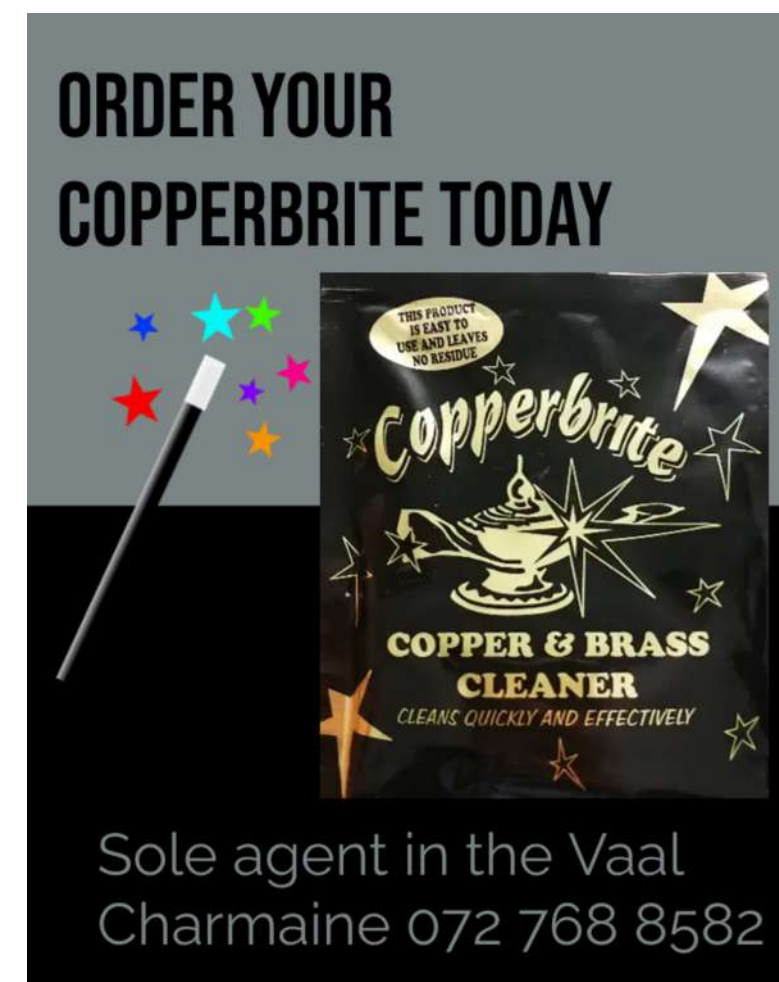


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Growing Older, Staying Healthier

As we reach the age of 60 and beyond, our bodies begin to tell the story of a lifetime. Every step we have taken, every task we have completed, and every challenge we have faced has left its mark. After all, our bodies have worked hard for six, seven, or even eight decades.

It is therefore not surprising that many older adults experience health challenges. Hip replacements, knee replacements, arthritis, reduced mobility, and other age-related conditions become more common. Just like a well-used machine eventually shows signs of wear and tear, the human body also begins to slow down.

Our joints have carried us through thousands of kilometres of walking. Our hearts have beaten millions of times. Our muscles, bones, and organs have worked tirelessly every single day. It is only natural that some parts of the body may begin to deteriorate with age.

However, aging does not automatically mean poor health.

Many people reach their 60s,

70s, and even 80s while remaining active, independent, and full of energy. Why do some people age better than others? Part of the answer may lie in genetics. Our genes certainly play a role in how our bodies age and how susceptible we are to certain diseases.

But genetics is only one piece of the puzzle.

Lifestyle choices can make a tremendous difference. Regular exercise, a balanced diet, sufficient sleep, staying socially connected, and maintaining a positive outlook on life all contribute to healthy aging.

Even simple daily activities such as walking, gardening, dancing, or spending time with loved ones can have a positive impact on both physical and mental well-being.

Regular medical check-ups are also important. Detecting health problems early often leads to better treatment outcomes and helps maintain quality of life.

Perhaps the greatest lesson about aging is that it should not be feared. Growing older is a privilege denied to many. Each

hair reflects experience and wisdom gained through the years.

The goal is not to remain young forever. The goal is to remain healthy, active, and engaged for as long as possible.

Aging is a journey. While our bodies may slow down, our spirit, wisdom, and appreciation for life can continue to grow stronger with every passing year.



Voorblad geleentheid in 2026

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A Loyal Companion Through the Golden Years



For many elderly people, a pet is far more than just an animal. A dog or cat becomes a companion, a friend, and often a lifeline in times of loneliness. When children have grown up and moved away, when spouses have passed on, or when friends become fewer, a faithful pet remains by their side, offering unconditional love and companionship.

A wagging tail at the front door or a gentle purr on the couch can brighten even the darkest day. Pets provide comfort, routine, and a reason to get up each morning. They do not judge, they do not complain, and they ask for very little in return—just love, care, and attention.

Unfortunately, life can become difficult for many pensioners. Rising food prices, increasing medical expenses, and limited retirement income often place enormous pressure on elderly people. Many find themselves having to stretch every rand just to make ends meet.

Yet despite their own struggles, countless seniors continue to put their pets first. There are heartbreaking stories of elderly people who will skip a meal

themselves to ensure that their dog or cat has food in its bowl. They would rather go without than see their beloved companion hungry.

This deep bond between people and their pets is both beautiful and heartbreaking. It speaks of loyalty, love, and sacrifice. For many seniors, their pet is not merely an animal—it is family.

As a society, perhaps we need to pay closer attention to these silent struggles. A small donation of pet food, a visit to check on an elderly neighbour, or support from local animal welfare organisations can make a significant difference. Helping a senior citizen care for their pet often means helping two lives at the same time.

Growing older is not always easy. Financial circumstances can change, health can decline, and loneliness can become a constant companion. Yet through it all, a faithful dog or cat remains there, offering comfort without conditions.

The love between an elderly person and their pet is one of life's purest relationships. It is a reminder that companionship, kindness, and loyalty are priceless—especially during our golden years.



Do You Live for the Here and Now?

Life has a funny way of keeping us busy. We spend our days making plans, setting goals, saving money, worrying about tomorrow, and thinking about what might happen next week, next month, or even next year. But in all that planning, have you ever stopped to ask yourself a simple question: Do I live for the here and now?

Many people spend so much time looking ahead that they forget to enjoy the present moment. We tell ourselves that we will be happy when we get the promotion, buy the new house, retire, lose weight, or achieve a particular goal. Yet when that day finally arrives, another goal quickly takes its place.

The truth is that life happens in the present. Yesterday is a memory, and tomorrow is a promise that none of us can guarantee. The only time we truly have is now.

Living for the here and now does not mean being irresponsible or ignoring the future. It simply means appreciating the moments that make life meaningful. It means enjoying a cup of coffee while it is still hot.

It means spending time with loved ones without constantly checking your phone. It means watching a sunset, listening to a child's laughter, or sharing a meal with friends and being fully present.

As we grow older, many of us begin to understand this lesson more clearly. We realise that some of our happiest memories were not the expensive holidays or major achievements, but the simple moments we shared with people we love. A conversation with a grandparent, a walk on the beach, a family gathering, or a quiet evening at home often becomes far more valuable than we ever imagined.

Living in the present also means letting go of some of life's unnecessary burdens. Many people spend years worrying about things that never happen. Others carry regrets from the past that they cannot change. While reflection is important, constantly dwelling on yesterday or fearing tomorrow can rob us of today's joy.

Perhaps the greatest gift we can give ourselves is to appreciate what we have right now. Health, family, friendships, opportunities, and even life's small pleasures should never be taken for granted.

The next time you find yourself rushing through the day, pause for a moment and look around. Listen to the sounds, appreciate the people in your life, and be grateful for where you are.

After all, life is not something that begins tomorrow. Life is happening right now.

The question is: Are you truly living it?



The Precious Bond Between Grandparents and Grandchildren



In today's fast-paced world, it is easy to become caught up in work, school, technology, and daily responsibilities. Yet one of the greatest gifts parents can give their children is the opportunity to build a strong relationship with their grandparents.

Grandparents are living history books. They carry memories, experiences, and stories that cannot be found in any classroom or on the internet. They can tell children what life was like when they were young, how families lived, what challenges they faced, and how they overcame them.

These stories become treasures that are passed down from one generation to the next.

As I enter my own grey years, I often find myself remembering stories my grandmother told me. I can still hear her voice as she shared memories of her childhood, her family, and the lessons she learned throughout her life. Those stories shaped my understanding of where I came from and helped me appreciate the journey that brought my family to where we are today.

Children benefit greatly from knowing their grandparents.

They learn about family values, traditions, and history. They discover that their parents were once children too, and that every family has a story worth telling. These conversations help children develop a stronger sense of identity and belonging.

For grandparents, spending time with grandchildren can be equally rewarding. It keeps them connected, valued, and involved in family life. The laughter, questions, and curiosity of a child can bring tremendous joy and purpose to their later years.

The reality is that grandparents will not be with us forever. Time passes quickly, and opportunities to create memories should never be taken for granted. Encourage your children to visit, listen, ask questions, and spend quality time with their grandparents while they can.

Tell your children stories about your own childhood. Share memories of their great-grandparents. Talk about family traditions, funny moments, challenges, and achievements. These stories become part of a child's heritage and help preserve family history for future generations.

One day, those children will grow older and tell those same stories to their own children and grandchildren. In that way, the wisdom, love, and memories of previous generations live on.

The bond between grandparents and grandchildren is one of life's greatest treasures. Nurture it, cherish it, and make the most of every moment together.



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