

**Age, Need Not Hinder Achievement: Not Too Old****~Other Speakers G-L: Sermon Illustrations II:**

George Washington was 43 when he drew his sword under the historic elm at Cambridge as "captain general and commander-in-chief" of the Colonial forces. He was just the age of Julius Caesar when he took command of the army in Gaul, of Napoleon when he made the mistake of his life and started in to conquer Russia, and he was ten years older than Alexander was when he wept because there were no more worlds to conquer. Charlemagne was just his age when he overcame Wittikind, the Saxon chief, and made all Germany Christian, and the "captain general of the Continentals" was just as old as was Constantine when he determined to make himself master of the world. He was as old as Sesostris, the Pharaoh, when he conquered the Hittites and persecuted the children of Israel; as Hannibal when he gave up the hope of conquering Rome and left Italy to defend Carthage against Scipio.

By J. Wilbur Chapan, "Present Day Parables."