



Watch the film



Discuss Themes



Key scenes



Close the curtain



Film Synopsis

Retirement has not been completely satisfying for Ben Whittaker (*Robert De Niro*). As a retired widower, he misses his wife and desires to be reconnected to his previous life in the working world. Those connections with people and that feeling of accomplishment and purpose that drove him to get out of bed each day. At 70 years of age, he is given a new lease on life with a 'Seniors intern programme' at an on-line fashion site, founded and run by Jules Ostin (*Anne Hathaway*). Ben comes to realise that somethings have changed in the workplace in the short time he has been out of the work force, but many things are the same. He is to be mentored by Jules while he is trying to find his place in this fast pace, high-tech world, but eventually realises he is there to help this young entrepreneur in finding her place in the tough world of fashion and business.



Movie Talk: Reel Dialogue discussion

1. Did you like the film? Why or why not?
2. What does the Bible say about getting older? (Proverbs 16:3, 20:29)
3. Can each generation provide something in this life? (Proverbs 9:10-11, 13: 13,15- 16)

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The interview

It can be said that each season of life provides new and exciting challenges. Many may think of retirement as the ultimate goal in life, but for many there are more years to be had after the retirement age. Do you think that we were created for work and to enjoy it?

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. Genesis 2:15

Who inspires you?

Many people may claim that those who inspire them most are famous business people, politicians, writers or media personalities. Yet, for some it is the person who sits near them at work or lives in their home. Simple, but profound, that those who are closest to you inspire you the most.

Who is the person who inspires you most in life? Why?

But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also. - 2 Corinthians 8:7

Excellence

In business and life, there is usually an expectation of excellence or at least a standard to live by. What is the expectation for you at work, school or home when it comes to meeting a certain level of excellence? Is this a priority for you? Why or why not?

Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established. -Proverbs 16:3

What does this verse in the Bible mean to you?



Curtain closes: Final question

The value of work throughout life

This film shows the value of work in our lives and how different ages bring new challenges. This film addresses the generational differences and how people see the value of workers. How do you see how God influences of the value of work?