

Thoughts On The New Year

Since tomorrow is the first day of the year, I thought it appropriate to dedicate part of this bulletin to some thoughts on what the new year means to each of us. Many treat it as a time of rededicating their life to some goals which they have set. It is an excellent time to think about the year's dedication to God and what you want to accomplish in your relationship with God. All of these short articles were taken from various sources to be shared with all of you.

I Am The New Year

I am the new year. I am an unspoiled page in your book of time.

I am your next chance at the art of living.

I am your opportunity to practice what you have learned about life during the last twelve months.

All that you sought and did not find is hidden in me, waiting for you to search it out with more determination.

All the good that you tried for and did not achieve is mine to grant when you have fewer conflicting desires.

All that you dreamed but did not dare to do, all that you hoped but did not will, all the faith that you claimed but did not have — these slumber lightly, waiting to be awakened by the touch of a strong purpose.

I am your opportunity to renew your allegiance to Him who said, "Behold, I make all things new." I am the new year.

Ten New Year's Questions For The Christian

1. What has been your record in the congregation during the past year?
2. Were your happiest experiences this past year due to the fact that you are a Christian?
3. Do you feel that living your life as a Christian has been worth the effort?
4. Have you helped those who have given you guidance?
5. Do you feel that every person has a share in the Lord's work?
6. Will you place the Lord's favor above personal satisfaction?
7. Will you seek God's will for your life in your daily prayer?
8. Will you accept a work in the congregation that requires your talent and requires you at your best?
9. Will you pray every day that the Lord will commit you and your fellow Christians to your godly responsibilities?
10. Will you go to God in prayer to help you meet your physical needs and responsibilities?

Some New Year's Wishes For You

During the new year may you have:
Enough happiness to keep you sweet.
Enough trials to keep you strong.

Enough sorrow to keep you human.
Enough hope to keep you happy.
Enough failure to keep you humble.
Enough success to keep you eager.
Enough friends to give you comfort.
Enough wealth to meet your needs.
Enough enthusiasm to make you look forward to tomorrow.
Enough determination to make each day better than the day before.

Six Resolutions For The New Year

1. Forget the past and honor God more.
2. Live for Christ in the world.
3. Trust God with a strong faith.
4. Remain faithful to my congregation.
5. Teach the lost.
6. Cultivate whatever talents God has given me for His glory and His church.

A New Year's Thought

The new year lies before you
 like a spotless tract of snow.
Be careful how you tread on it
 for every mark will show.

A Final Prayer For The New Year

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace,
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much,
Seek to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.