

II Cor. 3:17 -- "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is..."

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Another Year Is Dawning

Another year is dawning,
Dear Father, let it be,
In working or in waiting,
Another year with thee.

Another year of progress,
Another year of praise,
Another year of proving
Thy presence all the days.

Another year of mercies,
Of faithfulness and grace,
Another year of gladness,
The glory of thy face.

Another year of leaning
Upon thy loving breast,
Another year of trusting,
Of quiet, happy rest.

Another year of service,
Of witness for thy love,
Another year of training
For holier work above.

Another year is dawning,
Dear Father, let it be,
On earth, or else in heaven,
Another year for thee.

—Frances R. Havergal

Happy New Year



Forget what is past. Finish each day and be done with it. You have done what you could; some blunders and absurdities no doubt crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day; begin it well and serenely.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

In Days Gone By

On December 26, 1776, George Washington crossed the Delaware. Let us pray for great national leaders who are men of character, wisdom and spiritual understanding.

*Time is a treasure,
So view it, my soul!
Keep all its spending
'Neath watchful
control;
Employ each moment
In God's holy fear,
And He will ensure thee
A Happy New Year.*

Step by Step

He does not lead me year by year,
Nor even day by day;
But step by step my path unfolds,
My Lord directs my way.

Tomorrow's plans I do not know,
I only know this minute.
But he will say, "This is the way,
By faith now walk ye in it."

And I am glad that it is so,
Today's enough to bear,
And when tomorrow comes,
his grace
Shall far exceed its care.

What need to worry then, or fret?
The God who gave his Son
Holds all my moments in his hand
And gives them one by one.

New Years

Let God's Word Be Your Guide

ONE YEAR TO LIVE

If I had but one year to live;
One year to help; one year to give;
One year to love; one year to bless;
One year of better things to stress;
One year to sing; one year to smile;
To brighten earth a little while;
One year to sing my Master's praise;
One year to fill with work my days;

One year to strive for a reward
When I should stand before my
Lord,

I think that I would spend each day,
In just the very self-same way
That I do now. For from afar

The call may come to cross the bar
At any time, and I must be
Prepared to meet eternity.

So if I have a year to live;
Or just one day in which to give
A pleasant smile, a helping hand,
A mind that tries to understand
A fellow creature when in need
Tis one with me... I take no heed;
But try to live each day He sends
To serve my gracious Master's
ends.

His Unfailing Presence

Another year I enter,
Its history unknown;
Oh, how my feet would tremble
To tread its paths alone!

But I have heard a whisper;
I know I shall be blest;
"My presence shall go with thee,
And I will give thee rest."

What will the new year bring me?
I may not, must not know;
Will it be love and rapture,
Or loneliness and woe?

Hush! Hush! I hear His whisper;
I surely shall be blest;
"My presence shall go with thee,
And I will give thee rest."

TIME

Time is a treasure,
So view it, my soul!
Keep all its spending
'Neath watchful control;
Employ each moment
In God's holy fear,
And He will ensure thee
A Happy New Year.

"A New Leaf"

He came to my desk with a quivering lip —
The lesson was done.
"Dear Teacher, I want a new leaf," he said,
"I have spoiled this one."

I took the old leaf, stained and blotted,
And gave him a new one all unspotted,
And into his sad eyes smiled,
"Do better, now, my child."

I went to the throne with a quivering soul —
The old year was done.
"Dear Father, hast Thou a new leaf for me?
I have spoiled this one."

He took the old leaf spoiled and blotted,
And gave me a new one all unspotted,
And into my sad heart smiled,
"Do better, now, My child."

NEW YEAR VOWS

I'll not turn back to past mistakes
And dwell on them again;
But onward press to future tasks
With strength renewed and sane.

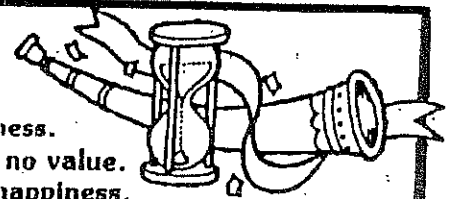
No matter what the past has held,
The future days are mine
To plan, to work, to build anew,
With guidance more divine.

A larger life, a deeper faith,
A purer life, a nobler goal
Shall be the aim of my desire,
The earnest purpose of my soul.

—Ruth Harriet Witney

Life Is Too Short

To remember slights or insults,
To cherish grudges that rob me of happiness.
To waste time in doing things that are of no value.
To let past sins or mistakes cloud future happiness.
To miss making friends because I am too busy making money.
To give my youth to the devil and my old age to God.
To dream of tomorrow when I may never have one.
To put off making a confession of Christ NOW!



Miscellaneous.

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*STORIES
*EVENTS
*VIEWS
*NEWS



SOME QUESTIONS FOR THE NEW YEAR - What will you do with a whole new year if God gives you one? What did you do with the one He just gave you? Did you worship, serve and honor Him? Do you think that God ought to give you another chance? I think these are fair questions since He is the One who gives you the very breath you breathe and the very life you live.

For those who are true (born-again) Christians (not just in name only), we should try to please the Lord more than ever (Romans 12:1-2). For those who are not Christians, the very first thing you should do is accept Jesus Christ as your Saviour. You will not only have a new year ahead of you, but you will also have a new hope and a new life.

As we journey through 2022, the Lord willing, there are several resources available that God provides that will help us if we will allow them to do so. First of all, His marvelous grace is abundant and free; the Holy Spirit will lead and guide us along the way; the Word of God will give us strength for the journey; prayer will sustain us and our pastor and church (and many other Christians) will pray, encourage and help us as we walk with Him day by day.

If we use the resources as God gives them to us, we can expect great blessings from God, have better relationships with others (including our family), see others saved and see ourselves and our church grow and prosper in the things of the Lord. There is no reason that we cannot be successful, useful and obedient Christians, and have the blessings of God on us.

Now, again, if God gives you a whole new year without a single stain upon it, what will you do with it? Will you worship, serve and honor Him? When you look back upon the year He just gave and what you did for Him, would you give yourself another chance?

Give it some serious thought. Life at its longest is really very short, and the only thing that will last is what we do for Him. Make this new year really count!

**WILL THE NEW YEAR BRING A "NEW ERA",
OR "NEW ERRORS"? ENLIST GOD'S HELP!**