

Time Packets and New Beginnings

Time is a non-spatial compendium in which things happen in a seemingly irreversible order. OR, a definition I prefer, "Time is the stuff of which life is made." Our God has broken time into little packets, minutes, hours, days, months and years. What is truly amazing is that each little packet is new every time it starts.

Let's consider days. Every 24 hours, God gives us another chance to do better, be kinder, try harder, start over – and accept His forgiveness. Every day we have, well... a new day! "But for you who fear My name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings...." – Malachi 4:2.

This year I will be asking myself, "What will I do with my life after the healing comes with each new day – and this new year?" In my reading, I recently ran across a beautiful and practical piece that embodies some of the ways we can respond to the new year and each new day it brings.

The author is unknown but the principles are timeless.

ATTITUDES TO LIVE BY

Compliment three people every day.

Watch a sunrise at least once a year.

Be the first to say hello.

Live beneath your means.

Be kinder than necessary.

Keep your promises.

Treat everyone like you would want to be treated.

Never give up on anybody; miracles happen!

Never deprive someone of hope; it may be all they have.

Pray not for things, but for wisdom and courage.

Be tough-minded, but tenderhearted.

Learn to show cheerfulness, even when you don't feel like it.

Remember that overnight success usually takes about 15 years.

Never waste an opportunity to tell someone you love them.

May God bless your new year with His love and joy.

-Ray Wallace