

## What to Give Up This Year

- ♦ Grumbling. Instead, "In everything give thanks" (cf. Col. 3:17).
- ♦ Ten to fifteen minutes in bed. Instead, use that time in prayer (1 Thess. 5:17).
- ♦ Looking at other people's worst points. Instead, concentrate on their best ones (Matt. 7:1).
- ♦ Speaking unkindly. Instead, let your speech be generous and understanding (Col. 4:6).
- ♦ Worries. Instead, trust God (Matt. 6:25-34).
- ♦ Hatred or dislike for anyone. Instead, learn to love (1 Cor. 13:1-13).
- ♦ Fear that prevents you from telling people you are a Christian. Instead, seek courage to speak of your faith to others (Mk. 16:15).
- ♦ Spending much time with newspapers, books, and magazines. Instead, use that time to study your Bible each day (Rev. 1:3).
- ♦ Television one evening a week. Instead, visit a lonely or sick person, teach a Bible study, or attend an area meeting (James 1:27).
- ♦ Buying anything but essentials for yourself. Instead, give the money to God's work or someone in need (1 Cor. 16:1, 2).

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## Precious Memories

Most of us, if we live long enough, will have more time to look back upon, than we have to look forward to. We will have memories of marriage, children, and grandchildren. We will smile when we think of the times spent with family, trips and holidays. A real joy will come when we contemplate with fondness the pleasures that hobbies, games, and sporting events brought us. We will remember the smell of summer rain, the barking of a pet as we came home.

Sadly some will not build the kind of life that will produce those kinds of memories. Their memories will be sordid, and sad. There will be more pain than joy, more sadness than pleasure. Their memories will bring heartache and grief.

Memories are the pictures in our minds of the life that we choose to live. No life is perfect, and all of us fail, but to have lived my life in sin, brings memories that are dark and mean.

We are told to "redeem the time" (Ephesians 5:16). The Psalmist encourages us to "remember how short time is" (Psalms 89:47).

So, build a life that will be a joy to look back on!

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### The Old Year - The New Year

The old year is gone; forever past,  
Only memories are all that last.  
The year in review for good or ill;  
The die is cast and forever still.  
The New Year begins to unfold;  
It's joys and sorrows yet to behold.

- Judy Riffle, 2010 -

A new year is not really new if we live the same old life.

## News & Notes

**THANKS:** To our men who purchased, prepared, and served the delicious breakfast on New Year's Day. It was a good occasion for sharing a meal and fellowship.

**NEW CONVERT CLASS: Each Sunday a.m. Bible Class** in Room 401.

**FELLOWSHIP DINNER & EARLY SERVICE: Today about noon** at the Fellowship Building followed by our **early afternoon service at 2:00 p.m.** at the church building.

**CARE & SHARE BEARS:** Resumes **this Tuesday, Jan. 8th at 9:00 a.m.** All ladies are invited to participate.

**MEN'S ENRICHMENT CLASS:** Resumes **this Tuesday, Jan. 8th at 7:00 p.m.** Men, come and spend an hour with your brothers and be encouraged and uplifted.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST: Next Saturday, Jan, 12th, 8:30 a.m.** at the Columbiana, OH Church of Christ. Sign-up sheet on the desk.

**MEMBER VISITS:** Calls are being made for Elders and Minister visits with members that can be scheduled in your home or to meet here at the building. Schedule an appointment so this outreach can be completed ASAP.

**PANTRY:** Cereal & crackers.

**SEND CARDS:**

**Bob & Patty Eddy**, 4898 Oroszy Ave., Lorain, OH 44052.

**Alex Harless**, 1322 North 4th Street, Toronto, OH 43964.

**SICK & SHUT-IN: West Penn Hospital, Pittsburgh:** Mary Jane Bowers. **At Home:** Nancy Hadley, Charlie Delong, Jenny Rhodes, Arlen & Joann Webb, Russell Martin, Blondenia Orr, Doris Dunham, Alex Harless. **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

## SOURCES OF KNOWLEDGE

- LEROY BROWNLOW -



The universe is God's University. We are here as scholars learning our lessons, and life is too short for us to be slow learners. In this university we are given five sources for study and betterment:

- ▣ **The Book of Reason.** "Come now, and let us reason together" (Isaiah 1:18).
- ▣ **The Book of Nature.** "The heavens declare the glory of God" (Psalm 19:1, 2).
- ▣ **The Book of Experience.** "Days should speak, and multitudes of years should teach wisdom" (Job 32:7) - but not always, for some never learn from their experience.
- ▣ **Written Books.** The Apostle Paul wrote to Timothy to bring his "Cloak ... and the books, but especially the parchments" (2 Timothy 4:13) - two needs: one for the body and another for the mind and soul; and the need of the latter is so great that sometimes it is better to buy a book instead of a coat.
- ▣ **The Bible.** The Book "is profitable for doctrine (teaching), for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness ... all good works" (2 Timothy 3:16, 17). No person is well educated who is unlearned in the Bible.

If I would make the most of life - lead myself and others - I must know.

*He who knows, and knows he knows -*

*He is wise - follow him.*

(Arabian Proverb)

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