

## SPECIAL DAYS – NEW YEAR

**“LEARNING TO LIVE WISELY”**

***“Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.”*** (Ps. 90:12)

Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote, “Write it on your heart that every day is the best day of the year.” He also said, “A day is a miniature eternity.” Why did the Psalm writer pray, “*Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom*”? Because the unit of measure that God uses to divide our life span is the “day” and our days are numbered – that is they are limited!

How then, can we successfully live the year before us wisely? Answer: by living it one day at a time with a conscious realization of our accountability to God. Here are five thoughts to help us focus on wise living in the year ahead:

**I. DAILY PERUSE YOUR BIBLE.**

*“Day by day, from the first day until the last day, he read from the Book of the Law of God.”* (Nehemiah 8:18)

**II. DAILY PRAISE THE LORD.**

*“The Levites and the priests praised the LORD day by day, singing to the LORD, accompanied by loud instruments.”* (2 Chron 30:21)

**III. DAILY PRAY TO THE FATHER.**

*“Give us day by day our daily bread.”* (Luke 11:3)

**IV. DAILY PROGRESS IN SPIRITUAL GROWTH.**

*“Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.”* (2 Cor 4:16)

**V. DAILY PREPARE FOR THE LAST DAY!**

Although the word “day” is most frequently used in the Bible to denote the present time-frame in which we live, the word “day” is also used to refer to the future: “*the day of His coming*” (Malachi 3:2); “*He has appointed a day in which He will judge the world*” (Acts 17:31); “*the last day*” (John 6:39). Are you ready for that “final day”?

If not, this could be your “*day of salvation*” (2 Cor. 6:2). Today can be your “*day of salvation*” if you put your total trust in Jesus Christ. Let us determine to live one day at a time and live that day as if it were our last – one of them will be!

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