

# A New Baby, A New Year

A new year is about to be born. That's a traditional way of marking the arrival of 2012, for mortals are wont to use analogies.

A new year is likened to the arrival of a baby. It is a good comparison. Let's apply it a bit as we yearn for a successful year ahead.

A baby's arrival ...

- Is a moment of great anticipation – the culmination of a long period of preparation and the commencement of a priceless journey called life. So it is with a new year.
- Carries the hopes and dreams of the family for achievements that will be of redeeming value to mankind. So it is with a new year.
- Must be set in an environment of love, if he or she is to be emotionally healthy and strong in character formation. So it is with a new year.
- Demands a demonstration of faith and confidence in his or her future if the child's wellbeing is to be preserved. So it is with a new year.
- Requires extra reserves of patience and understanding. So it is with a new year.
- Calls for the transcendence of selfish desires, a yielding of one's own will to the welfare of another first and foremost. So it is with a new year.
- Fosters a re-examination of values and a realignment of personal properties. So it is with a new year.
- Brings on a new zest for living, a new direction of ambition. So it is with a new year.
- Urges those nearest him or her to develop the skill for turning tears into laughter, for bringing ease to pain, for converting unhappiness to joy. So does the new year.



And if we make these same commitments to the success of the new year that we make to a baby, 2012 will be the best period in history for us to this date.

God is seeking willing vessels through whom He can channel His love, His grace and His power to make a difference in the lives of others in the new year and beyond.

– Beecher Hunter