

The Book 2005

The new year stretches before us. If its days were likened to the pages of a book, what will be written thereon?

With that analogy, what about the book we are now closing -- the one labeled 2004? On its pages are recorded events, and some are of sadness and disappointment. Some describe failures and missed opportunities. If I had the power, I would use white-out to erase them and attempt to rewrite in those spaces fulfilling and inspirational experiences.

That, of course, is not possible. I am handed, instead, a chronicle with 2005 emblazoned on its cover. The choices I make will dictate, to a large degree, what will be recorded on these leaves of time. It will be my desire, for the entries in this journal:

- To smile more, and worry less.
- To listen more, and talk less.
- To hug more, and be too busy less.
- To give more, and want less.
- To love more, and criticize less.
- To empathize more, and be selfish less.
- To value time, and be idle less.
- To seek His face more, and pursue my own way less.

If I can but shape the days of my years around these principles, my book of 2005 will be rewarding, indeed.

--Beecher Hunter