

## The Book 2019

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

With that analogy, what about the book we have now closed – the one labeled 2018?

On its pages are recorded events and circumstances, 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 2019 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 reflect my commitment ...

- 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 more and be idle less.
- To seek Christ's face more and pursue my own way less.



If I can but shape the days of my year around those principles, my book of 2019 will be rewarding, indeed.

*So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom (Psalm 90:12 NKJV).*

– Beecher Hunter