

# *The Wisdom of 2013*

The year 2013 is fading away, and its successor is straight ahead. We are all now a year older and, hopefully, wiser. Every day of the past 12 months should have provided us with learning experiences.

Knowledge is defined as a familiarity with someone or something, which can include facts, information, descriptions or skills acquired through experience or education. Wisdom is the right use of knowledge, and the opposite of wisdom is folly. The past year, then, should have broadened our knowledge base and contributed to a higher level of wisdom.

Before we say goodbye to 2013, what are some lessons we learned, or had reinforced, leading to greater wisdom – that should be carried into 2014? Here are some:

- The value of time.
- The success of perseverance.
- The pleasure of working.
- The dignity of simplicity.
- The worth of character.
- The power of kindness.
- The influence of example.
- The obligation of duty.
- The wisdom of economy.
- The virtue of patience.
- The improvement of talent.
- The joy of originating.
- The delight of love.
- The confidence of faith.
- The satisfaction of service.
- The encouragement of friends.
- The faithfulness of God.

Experiencing these, and despite all the challenges and adversity that came our way, means 2013 was a pretty good year after all.

Remembering them bodes well for 2014.

– Beecher Hunter