

Winter – or Spring?

While many of us were busy with shopping and wrapping presents for Christmas, winter slipped in. It made its arrival on December 21. So, while we are in the third day of the new year, we are also in the beginnings of a new season.

As I look out my office window, there are no leaves on the branches. The colors of fall are long gone. We can expect, over the next few months, some cold and icy weather in many parts of the country. In Tennessee, Mother Nature has thrown us a curve ball, since the temperature highs are in the 60s and rain is forecast for the week. Mind you, I'm not complaining.

But while we ponder the meteorological changes of certain designated periods on the calendar, there are some variations occurring – both mentally and physically – to us as the years of our existence roll by. What is happening is more a consequence of attitude than of age.

What season is your life presently in?

- Is it the spring, when your mind is sprouting with new ideas and goals?
- Is it the summer, when those dreams have flowered and are reproducing themselves?
- Is it the autumn, when the products of those plans and initiatives – the ones that clearly have your stamp upon them – are harvested, and you are savoring the sweet success of your labors?
- Is it the winter, when some would feel that, before long, the worries of this life will matter no more? Or are you one who believes that winter is but a time to contemplate the next season and to prepare for a new round of ideas and goals?

What do the days ahead mean for you? Today, God is offering you another season.

You can have another spring. And with God's help, it'll be here before you know it.

--Beecher Hunter