

Daily Reflections – January

January 1

"The object of a New Year is not that we should have a new year. It is that we should have a new soul." - G. K. Chesterton

January 2

"Try not to become a man of success but rather try to become a man of value." - Albert Einstein

January 3

"Character is higher than intellect." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

January 4

"How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!" - Psalms 133:1

January 5

"Quality means doing it right when no one is looking." - Henry Ford

January 6

"Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you." - Matthew 5:4

January 7

"You can easily judge the character of a man by how he treats those who can do nothing for him." - James D. Miles

January 8

"A man cannot be comfortable without his own approval." - Mark Twain

January 9

"Dignity consists not in possessing honors, but in the consciousness that we deserve them." – Aristotle

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January 10

"You can out-distance that which is running after you, but not what is running inside you." - Rwandan Proverb

January 11

"Everything is possible for the one who believes." - Mark 9:23

January 12

"If you have knowledge, let others light their candles in it." - Margaret Fuller

January 13

"Forgive, and you will be forgiven." - Luke 6:37

January 14

"For last year's words belong to last year's language and next year's words await another voice." - T.S. Eliot

January 15

"A pure hand needs no glove to cover it." - Nathaniel Hawthorne, *The Scarlet Letter*

January 16

"To know what is right and not do it is the worst cowardice." - Confucius

January 17

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that." - Martin Luther King

January 18

"I am not interested in power for power's sake, but I'm interested in power that is moral, that is right and that is good." - Martin Luther King

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January 19

"The spirit of Dr. [Martin Luther] King and the thousands of people he worked with set the races on a different course in the United States... In that same spirit, we must have the courage and teach our students the courage to be bearers to the world of this transforming love, co-creators of a more deeply human world, collaborators with Christ in the building of God's Kingdom."
- Peter Hans Kolvenbach

January 20

"[Quoting Aeschylus] 'Even in our sleep, pain which cannot forget falls drop by drop upon the heart, until, in our own despair, against our will, comes wisdom through the awful grace of God.'"
- Robert F. Kennedy announcing the death of Martin Luther King

January 21

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." - Martin Luther King

January 22

"We judge ourselves by what we feel capable of doing, while others judge us by what we have already done." - Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

January 23

"It's so clear that you have to cherish everyone. I think that's what I get from these older black women, that every soul is to be cherished, that every flower is to bloom." - Alice Walker

January 24

"Not being able to govern events, I govern myself." - Michel de Montaigne

January 25

"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." - 2 Corinthians 12:9

January 26

"Goodness is the only investment that never fails." - Henry David Thoreau

January 27

"For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them." - Matthew 18:20

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January 28

"My grandfather once told me that there are two kinds of people: those who work and those who take the credit. He told me to try to be in the first group; there was less competition there." - Indira Gandhi

January 29

"In matters of principle, stand like a rock; in matters of taste, swim with the current." - Thomas Jefferson

January 30

"Each time we face our fear, we gain strength, courage, and confidence in the doing." - Author Unknown

January 31

"For what is done or learned by one class of women becomes, by virtue of their common womanhood, the property of all women." - Elizabeth Blackwell (*The first woman in the U.S. to become a physician*)