



People come into your life for a reason, a season or a lifetime. When you know which one it is, you will know what to do for that person.

When someone is in your life for a REASON, it is usually to meet a need you have expressed.

They have come to assist you through a difficulty, to provide you with guidance and support,

To aid you physically, emotionally or spiritually.

They may seem like a godsend and they are.

They are there for the reason you need them to be.

Then, without any wrongdoing on your part or at an inconvenient time,

this person will say or do something to bring the relationship to an end.

Sometimes they die. Sometimes they walk away.

Sometimes they act up and force you to take a stand.

What we must realize is that our need has been met, our desire fulfilled, their work is done.

The prayer you sent up has been answered and now it is time to move on..

Some people come into your life for a SEASON, because your turn has come to share, grow or learn.

They bring you an experience of peace or make you laugh...

They may teach you something you have never done.

They usually give you an unbelievable amount of joy.

Believe it, it is real. But only for a season.

LIFETIME relationships teach you lifetime lessons, things you must build upon in order to have a solid emotional foundation.

Your job is to accept the lesson,

love the person and put what you have learned to use in all other

relationships and areas of your life.

It is said that love is blind but friendship is clairvoyant.

Thank you for being a part of my life, whether you were a reason, a season or a lifetime.

PROMISES - RESOLUTIONS

Have you thought of a resolution or a promise which you will try to keep this year? Remember God made a lot of promises and one of the most important ones when His Son, Jesus came into the world. He promised that he would always be our friend and never leave us. Jesus said, 'I am always with you, even to the end of the world.' And if we do fail to keep our promise or resolution, we should not use this as an excuse to give up, but to try again to do better.

Happy New Year

A middle boy of three brothers complained to his mother, 'Mummy, you are always saying 'you two big boys' or 'you two little boys', and I always get caught!'

Life is a patchwork, and today we may begin a new design.' What stirring words to greet us on any day, but in particular during the first month of the new year. To realise that we can create a fresh approach to how we go about things every day; can train our minds on kindly thoughts, so that when we look back on our quilt of life, we, and others, witnessed the beginning of a new bright patch.

The fan said: Be cool

The roof said: Aim high

The window said: See the world

The clock said: Every minute is precious

The mirror said: Reflect before you act

The calendar said: Be up to date

The door said: Push hard for our goals

And don't forget the carpet, who said:

Kneel down and pray.

Recipe for the New Year

Prepare one day at a time, and into each put 12 parts of faith, 11 of patience, 10 of courage, 9 of work, 8 of hope, 7 of fidelity, 6 of open-mindedness, 5 of kindness, 4 of rest, 3 of prayer, 2 of meditation, and 1 of well-selected resolution. Add a teaspoonful of good spirits, a dash of fun, a pinch of folly, a sprinkling of play and a heaped cupful of good humour. Next, pour love generously into the whole, cook thoroughly, garnish with a few smiles and a sprig of joy, then serve with quietness, unselfishness and cheerfulness.

While still getting to know the names of the new reception children, the teacher stood at the door saying, 'Hello good morning', until one little boy piped up, 'My name's not good morning, it's Adam. Hello Adam!' That told her!!

TAKE TIME
Take time to think - It is the source of power
Take time to play - It is the secret of perpetual youth
Take time to read - It is the fountain of wisdom
Take time to pray - It is the greatest power on earth
Take time to love and be loved - It is a God given privilege
Take time to be friendly - It is the road to happiness
Take time to laugh - It is music to the soul
Take time to give - It is too short a day to be selfish
Take time to work - It is the price of success
Take time to do charity - It is the key to Heaven.

A shepherd recalled the time he set out to find his flock in a snowstorm, in conditions he called 'a black drift'. Colleagues told him it was too wild to venture outdoors but he insisted he could succeed. Hours later he was lost and cold. Finding footsteps in the snow, he followed them for a while before realizing they were his own. He was walking round in circles with no idea where he was or the best way to safety. Finally, he gave up and placed all his hope in his dog. Staying just within sight of his master, he led him unerringly to the flock and then back to the farm. Sometimes life can be like that snowstorm and we end up lost and confused. That's when we need to put our faith in something other than ourselves and trust God to lead us safely home

'Have you seen my favourite television programme yet, Grandma?' asked you Nathan. He then went on to describe it enthusiastically, and Grandma pulled a face. 'No I haven't,' she replied, 'And I'm sure I wouldn't like it!' 'Oh Grandma,' Nathan scolded. 'You can't say that you don't like something if you've never tried it.' Oh dear, thought Grandma, wonder where I've heard that before?

Do you ever feel that you have accomplished little, that your work has all been in vain?
A bachelor and Sunday School teacher loved passing on the message of Christ to his pupils, but through time, new methods were brought in and he felt his ways were out of date. When he retired from his employment, he went on a sea voyage, and in the course of it, met a missionary returning to his mission field. The ex-teacher told him of his years in Sunday School work and ended a little sadly, 'I've often wondered if I ever did any good.' The missionary smiled. 'I recognized you when you came aboard. I was a boy in your Sunday School and it was because of you and your teaching that I am a missionary.' If we are faithful in sowing, who knows where the seed may fall.

One of the best thoughts on failure is this one. Don't fear failure so much that you refuse to try new things. The saddest summary of a life contains three descriptions -
could have, might have and should have,

As 2021 has now closed, who knows what this year will hold for us? But one thing is certain, good as this next year will be, there will still be occasional dark days and trying times. Do you know that the Bible tells us 'Do not be afraid', three hundred and sixty five times? The number of days there are in the year. With that thought in mind we can welcome a new year and face every day with faith.

The secretary of a village church once received a letter from the TV records office addressed to 'The present occupier' of the church and wondering why there was no record of a TV license? The secretary replied: 'The present occupier is God. He took up residence in 1876 when His house was opened and consecrated. As He is an all-seeing God, He really has no need for a television set.'

At the height of the gale, the harbourmaster radioed a coastguard on the spot and asked him to estimate the wind speed. He replied that he was sorry, but he didn't have a gauge. However if it was any help, the wind had just blown his Land Rover off the cliff.

At times, I receive some wonderful emails to pass on. I don't always bother, even though wonderful things will happen if I send to x number of friends in the next 30 seconds and dire consequences if I delete. Wesley would like to share this one with you though.

After serious & cautious consideration... your contract of friendship has been renewed for the New Year 2022!

It was a very hard decision to make... So try not to ruin it!!!

My Wish for You in 2022
May peace break into your home and may thieves come to steal your debts.
May the pockets of your jeans become a magnet for \$100 bills.
May love stick to your face like Vaseline and may laughter assault your lips!
May happiness slap you across the face and may your tears be that of joy
May the problems you had, forget your home address!
In simple words
May 2022 be the best year

The Very Rev Fenton Morley, Dean of Salisbury, once said 'There has been a relation between money and religion ever since Noah. He was the only man able to float a company when the rest of the world was in liquidation.'