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New Year...New Opportunity

The months of the year and the days of the months are symbolic ways of dividing up time. Our year is cyclical in nature, following the natural order of Earth revolving around the Sun. This gives us seasons in our year that are regular and predictable.

January is the first month and the month many people make resolutions for changes in their lives. I find it helpful to make plans to remedy something that is wrong, adopt a new habit, or put to rest an old attitude that makes no good sense to keep.

God is constantly at work in our lives, helping us to be the people we should be. His grace invites us to come before Him with humility and boldness of spirit to share with Him our lives: the good and the bad, the strong and the weak, and the stellar parts as well as the parts that are more embarrassing or even humiliating.

January is a prime opportunity to make a change for the better in your life. Only you know what needs changing. Have a conversation with God being confident that He hears you, loves you and desires to empower you. Evaluate your life. Let go of some old things. Embrace some new things. Receive the generous grace God has to offer you.

Rev. Stephen Grantham