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January 1



They go from strength to strength.
—Psalm 84:7

*First the blade, then the ear,
after that the full corn in the ear.*
—Mark 4:28

Build thee more stately mansions, O my soul,
As the swift seasons roll!
Leave thy low-vaulted past!
Let each new temple, nobler than the last,
Shut thee from heaven with a dome more vast,
And thou at length art free,
Leaving thine outgrown shell by life's unresting sea!

—Oliver Wendell Holmes

High hearts are never go for long without hearing some new call, some distant voice of God, even in their dreams. Soon they are observed to break up the camp of ease and start on some fresh march of faithful service. And, looking higher still, we find those who never wait until their moral work accumulates, and who reward resolution with no rest. Therefore, with them the alternation is instantaneous and constant. They do the good only to see the better, and see the better only to achieve it. They are too meek for transport, too faithful for remorse, too earnest for repose. Their worship is action, and their action is ceaseless aspiration.

—James Martineau

January 2



The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

—Psalm 121:8

Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.

—Psalm 90:1

With grateful hearts the past we own;
The future, all to us unknown,
We to Thy guardian care commit,
And peaceful leave before Thy feet.

—Philip Doddridge

We are like Him with whom there is no past or future, with whom a day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day, when we do our work in the great present. We then are leaving both past and future to Him to whom they are ever present. We then fear nothing, because He is in our future as much as He is in our past, as much as, and far more than, we can feel Him to be in our present. Being partakers then of the divine nature, resting in that perfect All-in-all in whom our nature is eternal too, we walk without fear, full of hope and courage and strength to do His will. We wait for the endless good that He is always giving as fast as He can make us able to take it in.

—George MacDonald

January 3



As thy days, so shall thy strength be.

—Deuteronomy 33:25

Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

—Matthew 6:34

Oh, ask not thou, How shall I bear
The burden of tomorrow?
Sufficient for today, its care,
Its evil and its sorrow;
God imparteth by the way
Strength sufficient for the day.

—Jane Euphemia Saxby

He who has so many causes of joy, and so great, is very much in love with sorrow and irritability if he loses all these pleasures and chooses to sit down upon his little handful of thorns. Enjoy the blessings of this day, if God sends them, and bear patiently and sweetly the evils of it, for this day only is ours. We are dead to yesterday, and we are not yet born to tomorrow. But if we look abroad and bring into one day's thoughts the evil of many things certain and uncertain, what will be and what will never be, our load will be as intolerable as it is unreasonable.

—Jeremy Taylor