

## A TIME FOR EXAMINATION

1 Corinthians 11:28 Amplified Bible

Paul's admonition is especially appropriate  
as we begin a new year with the observance of The Lord's Supper.

### I. THE NEW YEAR IS A TIME FOR INVENTORY.

As a spiritual inventory is made, accuracy and honesty are critical.

- A. It is critical to be honest with ourselves. **Psalm 139:23; Romans 12:3**
- B. The psalmist dared to pray, "Cleanse me from these hidden faults" **Psalm 19:12**
- C. A new year is a good time for taking spiritual inventory of ourselves.  
When coupled with the ordinance of the Lord's Supper it is an excellent time!

### II. THE NEW YEAR IS A TIME FOR ANALYSIS.

- A. An analysis requires looking realistically at the past, present, and future.
- B. Time becomes an important factor.  
Life might be clearer if we knew  
the time remaining in life rather than the time lived.
- C. We must live with the understanding that  
Today is the day of opportunity. **James 4:14**

### III. THE NEW YEAR IS A TIME FOR NEW BEGINNINGS.

- A. It is a time of beginning over again.  
It is a time of encouragement.
- B. Listen to the apostles admonition. **Philippians 3:13, 14**
- C. New Year's resolutions are often made lightly and made light of.  
23% fail the 1<sup>st</sup> week – 43% fail the 1<sup>st</sup> month – only 9% complete the course.
- D. Yet, should not the new year be a time for new beginnings?

### IV. THE NEW YEAR IS A TIME FOR HOPE.

Hope expresses assurance about the present as well as about the future.  
The time and details of the future are hidden and unknown to us,  
but the assurance of Jesus is that we do not need to be anxious for tomorrow.  
**Romans 15:13**

### V. LET US OBSERVE THE LORD'S SUPPER TOGETHER.