



**HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR**

**New Year's Day**

**“A Time For Everything”**

**Ecclesiastes 3:1-3**

***The Time for A New Beginning Is Always Now***

***It's The Beginning of A New Year! A Time For New Beginnings!***

*There's something about New Year's Day that speaks to all of us.*

*We all feel the excitement of a fresh start...*

***The Top Ten List Of Most Popular New Year's Resolutions***

***The Psychology of New Year's Resolutions—What's Behind It?***

*A New Calendar, Expectations, Renewed Sense of Resolve...*

***SO WHY ARE WE SO BAD AT KEEPING THEM?***

*The buzz wears off... we don't change our habits surrounding the goal...*

***BUT IT ALL COMES DOWN TO ONE THING: HONESTY***

*We need to be honest about what keeps us from living more fully*

***The passage of Scripture that we're studying today is all about life, and how we might live it wisely and well.***

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***Ecclesiastes 3:1-3 - I most often read this at the end of life—Why?***

- *The Teacher appears to be world-weary, cynical and resigned at times*
- *But in reality, the Teacher is all about the simplicity of what brings wholeness*
- *There's an honesty about this passage that is disturbing at times. Where?*
- *The Teacher addresses mortality, struggle, triumph, connection, growth*
- *“There is a Time...” how does this change the way we see our lives?*

***Life happens on life's terms—but there's a rhythm to it that is important***

***“Dying and Rising”***

***What Can You Do This Year To Find A New Beginning?***

- *Be Rigorously Honest About Where You Are & Where You Want To Be*
- *Realize That Setbacks Are Part of The Universal Rhythm*
- *Doing/Being vs. Doing/Avoiding*

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## SERMON EXTRAS & FURTHER READING

### **FOR FURTHER READING:**

***Wholehearted Faith***

*Rachel Held Evans*

***On Earth As In Heaven***

*N.T. Wright*

***Life of The Beloved***

*Henri Nouwen*

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