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### *Note from Graham Family Ministries*

This book was originally published in 1914! While it can be found online (it is in the public domain), I did not really find it in an easy to save, print, and use format. So, I decided to take it and reformat it so that it is in a more usable format. While not its originally intended purpose, I thought this ebook would make a great “through the year” copywork resource.

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# *How to Use This Book:*

This ebook contains a whole year's worth of copywork selections. Older children can choose several selections to copy each day, while younger children can choose one selection to copy. I have included some copywork writing pages for you to use if you wish. These are found at the very back of this ebook. Below I will share a few ideas for using these copywork pages:

**1 – Have your children make a “Copywork Through the Year” notebook!** Use the monthly divider pages found at the beginning of each month's copywork pages to divide your notebook by month. As your child works through the copywork pages, place the finished pages behind the appropriate month's divider page.

**2 – Have your children make a special copywork notebook for a specific month of the year.** You may not want to commit to using these copywork pages for the whole year. Why not just choose one month at a time and have your child work through it? Print out 29-31 pages of whichever copywork writing page you want to use (the ones found in the back of this ebook), 3-hole punch them, and place them in a report folder. Let your child decorate the front of the folder to make it pretty, and make up a title for your copywork book. Now your copywork book is all ready for your child to copy selections for that month.

**3 – Incorporate some artwork into your copywork assignments,** by using the lined copywork pages at the back of this ebook (the ones that are blank on the top half and lined on the bottom half). Have your children choose something to copy for each day, then draw something that goes along with the content of the copywork.

The ideas are really endless! Use your imagination and have fun with it! There are a ton of great quotes, Bible verses, poems, and prayers to choose from. This actually sounds like so much fun, I may give it a try! Happy copying!

In Christ,

*Sheri*

# January

Janus am I; oldest of potentates;  
Forward I look, and backward, and below  
I count, as god of avenues and gates,  
The years that through my portals come and go.  
I block the roads, and drift the fields with snow;  
I chase the wild fowl from the frozen fen;  
My frosts congeal the rivers in their flow,  
My fires light up the hearths and hearts of men.

—Henry W. Longfellow.

## JANUARY FIRST

- Bartolome Esteban Murillo, baptized 1618.
- Paul Revere born 1735.
- Betsy Ross born 1752.
- Maria Edgeworth born 1767.
- Arthur Hugh Clough born 1819.

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Old things need not be therefore true,  
O brother men, nor yet the new;  
Ah! still awhile the old thought retain,  
And yet consider it again!  
We! what do we see? each a space  
Of some few yards before his face;  
Does that the whole wide plan explain?  
Ah, yet consider it again!  
Alas! the great world goes its way,  
And takes its truth from each new day;  
They do not quit, nor can retain,  
Far less consider it again.  
—Arthur Hugh Clough.

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There are two sorts of content; one is connected with exertion, the other habits of indolence. The first is a virtue; the other a vice.

—Maria Edgeworth.

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Oh send out thy light and thy truth; let them lead me:  
Let them bring me unto thy holy hill,  
And to thy tabernacles.  
—Psalm 43. 3.

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Almighty God, lead me in the search for life. Teach me what is important and what is unimportant; what is false, and what is true. Remove the hindrances that keep me from the worthiest deeds, and grant that I may have the peace that comes with surrender of self to thy will. Amen.

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## JANUARY SECOND

- General James Wolfe born 1727.
  - Colonial flag first raised 1776.
  - Mary Carey Thomas born 1857.
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To what profit we could use the time for our present task that we spend in impatient waiting and wondering over the future! So often the future is just one step up from the present, but some of us miss it by preferring to wait for an elevator.

—M. B. S.

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Prepare to live by all means, but for heaven's sake do not forget to live. You will never have a better chance than you have at present. You may think you will have, but you are mistaken.

—Arnold Bennett.

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He that riseth late must trot all day, and shall scarce overtake his business at night; while laziness travels so slowly that poverty soon overtakes him. He that lives on hope will die fasting.

—Benjamin Franklin.

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Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might, for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in Sheol, whither thou goest.

—Ecclesiastes 9. 10.

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Gracious Father, my heart burns with shame when I think how much I claim, and how little I am. I pray that my body may not cast a shadow to-day, and cloud the light of my life to-morrow. Cleanse the windows of my soul that I may take in thy glory. Amen.

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## JANUARY THIRD

- Marcus Tullius Cicero born B. C. 106.
  - Martin Luther excommunicated 1521.
  - Douglas Jerrold born 1803.
  - Charles Wagner (France) born 1852.
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To be continually advancing in the paths of knowledge is one of the most pleasing satisfactions of the human mind. These are pleasures perfect consistent with every degree of advanced years.

—Cicero.

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Fidelity in small things is at the base of every great achievement. We too often forget this and yet no truth needs more to be kept in mind particularly in the troubled eras of history and in the crises of individual life. In shipwreck a splintered beam, an oar, any scrap of wreckage saves us. To despise the remnants is demoralization.

—Charles Wagner.

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He that is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much and he that is unrighteous in a very little is unrighteous also in much.

—Luke 16. 10

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Almighty God, may I understand that thou art in everything and that I cannot hide from thee, for thou boldest me though I know it not. Give me the desire, and help me to learn of thy laws, that I may know that even in the least of things, I have the liberty to obtain happiness by obeying them. Amen.

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