

## **Yearly Record**

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Another year has now passed away. What did your record show from day to day? What have your angels written down for you? Was your record spotted or was your record true?

Our sins may all be concealed from view,
But to our Great High Priest they're open for review.
For Christ, we have a natural enmity;
But Jesus saves, giving us the chance to be
Cleansed by His blood as we submit our will.
To accept His merits, Christ urges us to yield.
See, the wise are watching their record every moment
As we're living in this great Day of Atonement.
So, while considering your record in the past
Make examining your soul your premiere task.

## Ask yourself:

Has my witness pointed others to Christ?
Because of me did they seek eternal life?
What thoughts or intents are cherished inside me?
What acts are laid open for God's eyes to see?
Were the words I uttered calm and kind?
Was I respectful or was I out of line?
What desperate feelings have I hid inside?
What unholy feelings have I let abide?

## Remember that there's hope! ...

If a fearful record you have gained last year,
Just plead the blood of Jesus all to clear!
You see, making a daily decision not to sin
Is as simple as planting God's words of life within.
But should temptation lead you to an evil deed,
Quickly confess, repent, and humbly see your need!
Say, "Forgive me, Lord, and help me do what's right,"
And then seek to glorify His power and His might!
Lest we forget, He is our refuge
And by His life we do not have to lose.
Whatever the guilt, please do not dismay!
Just fall on the Rock: For He's the only Way!

See 2 Corinthians 13:5; 3:18 KJV. Also, based on Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 2, p. 560.1, a new year's letter to an *Indulged Daughter*.