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It is a new year, a time for new beginnings, changes, a new way of living, a new attitude. I love to collect quotations. Here are some of my favorite, which seem appropriate for the new year.

"This is the beginning of a new day. You have been given this day to use as you will. You can waste it or use it for good. What you do today is important because you are exchanging a day of your life for it. When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever; in its place is something that you have left behind...let it be something good." Unknown

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover." Mark Twain

"With integrity you have nothing to fear, since you have nothing to hide. With integrity you will do the right thing, so you will have no guilt. With fear and guilt removed you are free to be and do your best." Zig Ziglar

"Life is a ten-speed bike. Most of us have gears we never use." Charles Schulz

"Cowardice asks the question, 'Is it safe?' Expediency asks the question, 'Is it politic?' And Vanity comes along and asks the question, 'Is it popular?' But Conscience asks the question 'Is it right?' And there comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular, but he must do it because Conscience tells him it is right." Martin Luther King

"If you don't go after what you want, you'll never have it. If you don't ask, the answer is always no. If you don't step forward, you're always in the same place." Nora Roberts

"If you don't have what you want, it's probably because you haven't yet let go of something that's in your way. Something in your life is taking up space. Right now, as you read these words, you already know what it is, don't you? Joe Calloway

"A musician must make music, an artist must paint, a poet must write, if he is to be ultimately at peace with himself. What a man can be, he must be. This need we call self-actualization.... It refers to man's desire for self-fulfillment, namely to the tendency for him to become actually in what he is potentially: to become everything one is capable of becoming." Abraham Maslow

"If you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans."

"If you worry, you didn't pray. If you prayed, don't worry."

"Lower your expectations of earth. This isn't heaven, so don't expect it to be." Max Lucado

"Be careful how you walk, not as unwise men, but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil." Ephesians 5:15,16 (NASB)

"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us."

"What I do you cannot do; but what you do, I cannot do. The needs are great, and none of us, including me, ever do great things. But we can all do small things, with great love, and together we can do something wonderful." Mother Teresa

"Work like you don't need the money. Love like you've never been hurt. And dance like no one is watching."

"In the confrontation between the stream and the rock, the stream always wins--not through strength but by perseverance." H. Jackson Brown

"There is no key to happiness. The door is always open."

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:4-7 (NIV)

"Where you are right now is God's place for you. Live and obey and love and believe right there." 1 Corinthians 7:17

"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose." Jim Elliot

"If we did all the things we are capable of doing, we would literally astonish ourselves." Thomas Edison

"To give and not to count the cost; To fight and not to heed the wounds; To toil and not to seek for rest; To labour and not ask for any reward, save that of knowing that we do God's will." Ignatius of Loyola

"Stand still - keep the posture of an upright man, ready for action, expecting further orders, cheerfully and patiently awaiting the directing voice; and it will not be long ere God shall say to you, as distinctly as Moses said it to the people of Israel, 'Go forward.'" Charles Haddon Spurgeon

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us." Hebrews 12:1 (NIV)

"Live like you are worth the price Jesus paid."

It is going to be a great year!

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Another quiet month on the art scene, for us.

Of course the holidays more than made up for the busyness.

I have been working on the web site, updating pages, fixing dead links, adding content.

I hope to have a new page in the gallery featuring images from West Texas.

It should be very good.

On many of the pages I added a nice music feature from playlist.com . I added some of my favorite music to the web pages, using other people's music, without breaking any copyright laws.

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But much of this beauty goes unseen and unappreciated. My wife Chris and I are always looking for those special images which most people just walk past. It is not necessary to visit exotic far off places. Many stunning images are right in our backyard. We especially marvel over the tiny or insignificant; fungi, centipedes, or fallen autumn leaves. Using our macro lens, close up photos of the ordinary shows detail that is dramatic or vibrant. Then looking across the large panoramic overlooks we drink in the immensity of our surroundings. And we are always looking for the unusual, odd and often fantastic scenes. We love to be artistically moody or abstract, offering prints which are beautiful and interesting.

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