

## **A New Year's story especially for you.....**

**Once upon a New Year's Day, Father Time knocked on the door.**

**He gave a daily diary for the New Year to the person opening the door. The daily log was beautifully bound in leather and the pages inside were parchment paper with gilt edges. Father Time instructed the recipient to write a brief note each day of the year about what happened. Father Time indicated he would pick up the diary on New Year's Day of the next year. The recipient of the gorgeous diary diligently made a notation every day. And the year went by. When Father Time presented himself again on the next New Year's Day, the diary owner requested to review any and all previous daily entries before surrendering the daily log--something that he had been unable to do all year. Only the next day's page had been open and available to him. Father Time agreed. The writer quickly fanned through the 365 pages of the diary and was amazed. Some of the pages had big ugly ink splotches while other pages had beautiful artwork in addition to the written words. Father Time clarified that on those days that the writer told a lie or was otherwise unkind, the ugly ink splotches were automatically added to the pages and on those days that the writer was a blessing in the life of another or was otherwise helpful, the beautiful artwork was placed on the page. The keeper of the diary then clearly understood that his daily behavior reflected the accompanying daily notation for posterity. Father Time collected the completed diary and handed over a new one with 365 blank pages. Understand that how you live your life every day in 2010 will certainly be one for your record book. Resolve to make every day a good and great day!**

