

# A NEW SEASON

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## Scripture Text: Ecclesiastes 3: 1-14 NIV

### Introduction

Isaac Newton's First Law of Motion states that: "Everything continues in a state of rest unless it is compelled to change by forces impressed upon it."

In our text, the writer of Ecclesiastes reminds us the forces of change are always at work, but that is not always a bad thing. Consider some of the *realities* of change.

#### I. We Live In a World of Change (v. 1-9).

A. Most change is forced upon us.

B. We can initiate change for our own benefit.

#### II. We Are Constantly Having to Respond to Change (v. 10).

A. We can fight against change and focus on the uncertainty.

B. We can adjust to the change or even take control of it.

#### III. Our Confidence is in a Changeless God (v. 11-14).

A. What we can control is so limited peace comes only through God.

B. Everything around us may change but God remains the same.

### CONCLUSION

*Humorist Grady Nutt once observed,* "Openness is essentially the willingness to grow, a distaste for ruts, eagerly standing on top-toe for a better view of what tomorrow brings. A man once bought a new radio, brought it home, placed it on the refrigerator, plugged it in, turned it to WSM in Nashville (home of the Grand Ole Opry), and then pulled all the knobs off! He had already tuned in all he ever wanted or expected to hear. Some marriages are "rutted" and rather dreary because either or both partners have yielded to the tyranny of the inevitable, "what has been will still be." Stay open to newness. Stay open to change. - Grady Nutt, in *Homemade*, July, 1990.