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Janry 1.

Early in the Morning I preached in German on the 12th verse of the 90th Psalm of numbering our Days, and applying our Hearts unto Wisdom. I reckoned to the numbering of our Days 1.st the daily Consideration of our Mortality & Immortality 2.^d Looking on the Years & Days allotted us here as given us for our Education for Heaven. 3. As the Seed time, & Eternity as the Harvest, and that we not sow upon the Flesh, not cultivate the Flesh, but the Spirit, grow rich in good Works, rich in God. 4. As the Time for Labour, and Eternity as our Rest, that we work while it is Day & do good while we have time, striving to enter into eternal Rest 1. Cor: 15, 58 - 5.th As the Race that is set before us, and a happy Eternity as the Price, & that we lay off every Sin and every Weight Hebr: 12, 1. - 6.th As the Field of Battle, and Eternity the Crown, remembering that altho' we fight, yet shall we not be crowned unless we fight lawfully. 7. As the Time of Grace, & that we do not receive the Grace of God in vain 2 Cor: 6, 2. In speaking on the 2^d particular I warned against the Example of those who live at the Venture, thinking that this Life is only for eating, drinking, visiting &c. and recommended Prudence in the Affairs of this Life and of order in them; spoke of spiritual Wisdom regarding the Salvation of our Souls, that by Repentance we forsake Sin and avoid the Punishment, that by Faith in Jesus Christ we obtain Righteousness and Life, that by Prayer, Vigilance and good Works we keep a good Conscience, preserve our Peace, and prepare for Heaven. I spoke also of spiritual Wisdom regarding the Salvation of them that belong to us. This Meditation

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Meditation I preached afterwards in English, and in the Afternoon in Portuguese to a very numerous Congregation, before which I christen'd a Child. God grant that I and those that heard me this Day may thus number our Days and apply our Hearts unto Wisdom.

Janry 2. Friday. Preached to the Germans, who desired to receive the Sacrament next Sunday a preparatory Sermon on 1 Cor: 11, 28. 1. Of Self-Examination, whether we are desirous to receive the Sacrament 1. in Obedience to a particular Command of Christ 2. for the purpose of renewing our baptismal Vow in a most solemn manner 3. to celebrate the Memorial of his Redemption by his Sufferings and Death, & to give actual Proof of our Faith in his Passion and Death. 4. to confess Christ before Men. 5. to confirm our Faith, Love and Fidelity in a peculiar manner, and in a higher Degree, than can be effected by other spiritual Exercises. 6. to strengthen our Hope of our Resurrection to eternal Life **II.** of Confession "before God according to Dan: 9, 4-19. Ezra 9, 5-15. Neh: 9, to David, Publican Zacchaeus, &c 2. Before Men, if there are such Cases as require it. 3. Before the Minister, that he may be assured of our worthy Condition, after which I put the usual Questions to them which they answer with Yes. In the Afternoon I had a catechetical Lecture in my House, after which I distributed among the Poor the usual monthly Alms.

Janry 3. Buried one of our poor Widows, which I had visited in her Sickness several times.

Janry 4. Sunday. After the German divine Service I administered the Sacrament