December

FRANKLIN FIVE

INSPECT YOUR HOLIDAY LIGHTS
Make sure you have lights that will work for the holiday season before you decide to decorate your house or tree. Chances are you have a few strands that don't light all the way or only light when they get wiggled just so. Decide which lights will work for the holidays and which should be set aside for spare bulbs.

GIVE WHAT YOU CAN
There's no shortage of opportunities this month to donate to charity and help those less fortunate, no matter your financial situation. When you are intentional, giving can start very simply: make time to shovel a neighbor's sidewalk, scrape ice off a coworker's windshield, or open the door for a stranger.

PRACTICE HABIT 7: SHARPEN THE SAW
This habit is about preserving and enhancing the greatest asset we have to deal with life — ourselves. It's about balancing the four dimensions of body, heart, mind, and spirit. Despite the busy holiday season, take time to renew yourself.

GET YOUR NEW PLANNING SYSTEM IN ORDER
With 2027 just around the corner, now is the time to order your new planner and get it organized. Start putting appointments on your new calendar, add recurring and important events, and compile the forms you want to carry over.

MAKE NEW GOALS
Prepare for the new year by thinking of goals you want to accomplish. Set a start date, make your goal measurable, and begin your preparation to succeed.

KEY DATES

1	Giving Tuesday
4	Hanukkah Begins
5	International Volunteer Day
9	Christmas Card Day
10	Human Rights Day
21	Winter Solstice
24	Christmas Eve
25	Christmas Day
26	Kwanzaa
26	Boxing Day (Canada)
31	New Year's Eve

WEEKLY OBSERVANCES

1–8	National Cookie Cutter Week
14–21	Computer Science Education Week

MONTHLY OBSERVANCES

- Learn a Foreign Language Month
- Spiritual Literacy Month
- Universal Human Rights Month

MY FOCUS FOR THIS MONTH